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THE NEW YEAR

AGAIN, OUR FATHER, WE GREET AN OPENING YEAR. IT IS A NEW PATH WE ARE TO JOURNEY OVER, AND WE NEED A GUIDE. GO THOU WITH US AS WE GO UP THE NEW WAY, AND BRING US TO THE YEAR'S EVENING IN PEACE. ¶HELP US TO LOVE THE GOOD WORLD WE ARE PASSING THROUGH, AND TO CHEER ALL THE OTHER TRAVELERS WE MEET. OPEN OUR EYES TO ALL THAT IS BEAUTIFUL, AND MAKE US MINISTERS OF GOOD. GIVE US WORK TO DO, AND JOY IN DOING IT. SEND A FEW FRIENDS OUR WAY TO KEEP THE ROADWAY SHINING. ¶LET US NOT ENVY ANYBODY, NOR SAY A FALSE WORD. SHOW US HOW TO KEEP OUR FRIENDSHIPS IN REPAIR. LOVE US ALL. MAY WE KEEP THE HALO OVER EVERYTHING. ¶LET LITTLE THINGS SEEM GREAT TO US, AND GREAT THINGS BLESSED. ¶AND HELP US TO DO SOMETHING TO HASTEN THE KINGDOM OF THAT LORD WHOSE NAME IS OUR HOPE, AND WHOSE FACE WE WANT TO SEE WHEN THE JOURNEY IS ENDED.

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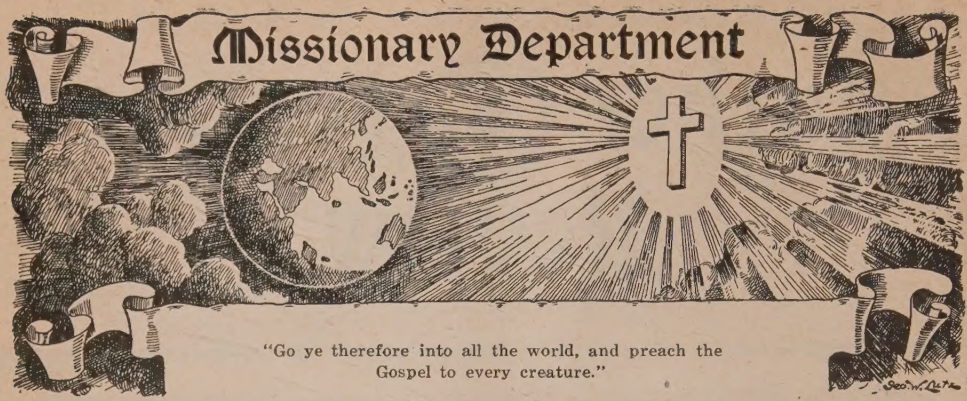

THE FRED HEINS MISSIONARY FUND

By Clarence C. Dittmer.

When the present progressive and results-producing condition of the Luther League of New York State is compared to its discouraging and results-less state some seven years ago, one naturally asks what made the difference. The secret of the success of this perhaps the leading State Luther League organization in America may be summed up in one word, "Missions" or, as the Rev. A. J. Traver, of New York City, its present President, claims: "Just as soon as our State League sets a high and daring missionary goal, it began to prosper. The more the Leagues know about missions and give to missions, the more they will find themselves doing for their local congregations and Luther Leagues. Those Leagues that gave far over their quota to the Japan Seminary Professor's Home Fund, and who will give much more than their quotas toward the support of our own missionary, Fred Heins, in Japan, you will discover to be the most social and the most wideawake in all other branches of the work."

This observation is borne out by the splendid results achieved by the Luther League of New York State itself. It was some seven years ago when the organization was not only discouraged but was disheartened, and was ready to disband. They had accumulated an indebtedness of over $2,000. Things were extremely discouraging. Through the appointment of a State Finance Committee, with one who believes thoroughly in missions, at its head, the indebtedness was paid off before its next convention.

But they did not stop with that, but under the influence of their Albany Convention, they tackled a job which everyone at first had conceded couldn't be done, the task of raising $5,000 for the erection of a professor's home in the new Lutheran Seminary in Tokyo. Everyone knows the results of their work; not only did they reach the $5,000 mark but "oversubscribed" it by over $800.

This past year at the Utica Convention, where there were 411 accredited delegates besides visitors and local folks, the delegates insisted upon the floor of the convention that this year they have another financial and life-service objective. During the course of the convention it was found that the Rev. Fred W. Heins, who previously had charge of the junior and intermediate committee work in the State League, was preparing to go to Japan as a missionary.

Fred Heins had already been assigned for support to a New Jersey Church, but their plea to send Fred and his wife out as the missionaries of the Luther League of New York State was so insistent that the New Jersey church gladly co-operated by releasing them for the State League's support.

Although only a few months have passed on the new year for the State League, more than one-half of Fred Heins' and his wife's support has been provided in cash. One League of limited membership sent in $50 and this same spirit is showing itself in every other League in the State. When all the results come in before their Hudson Convention in 1925, where they are planning to have more than 500 delegates, everyone is confident that not only the $1,000 will be secured but there will be a large "over-subscription."

The influence of missions, however, has made itself felt in the challenge which the Luther Leaguers in addition are taking upon themselves. The New York City District, for instance, feels that its proportionate quota is extremely small and they have set out to double their quota and in addition are raising $2,000 for the erection of a pavilion at the Inner Mission Summer Home at Towners, New York, and paying the salary of a home missionary in New York City who is organizing a number of European immigrants into churches.

The Brooklyn and Long Island District,

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Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business."

LET'S PULL TOGETHER

The office of the Life Service Secretary is fast taking on the appearance of a "full time secretary." In many respects it has been well that there are some State Presidents who do not read the REVIEW and did not know that there were such departments as the Missionary and Life Service, for we could not have taken care of all the demands in addition to a busy pastorate and Synodical duties. It is most gratifying to have the ever increasing requests for information and literature and the splendid reports of conferences, institutes, conventions, etc., in which Life Work was the subject under discussion. Many are scheduled for December and more for January. Naturally local conditions must be taken into consideration when such plans are laid. But why not plan a bit more strongly for *cooperation?* Why not make February the Life Service Month? Why not cooperate more extensively with our Board of Education and the Day of Prayer for Colleges which comes in February? Duplication of days and efforts wastes energy—in cooperation there is strength. While there is no duplication of efforts with the present League methods, there is much to be gained through the united efforts. And if we accomplish much with conferences, etc., we shall accomplish far more by thoroughly studying the *life question first* then have meetings of inspiration and decision.

In the past weeks we have examined Harold I. Donnelly's book, "What Shall I Do With My Life?" and we consider it one of the best yet. This is especially good for group study (not a lecture course). It was written for class study purposes. It is based on some of the best books published on the question of the choice of a life work. Get it! Use it!

WHY LIVE?

"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day." Man is indeed so constituted that he must wear clothes and eat and drink; yet the wearing of clothes, the eating and drinking that are necessary to sustain life, are not the chief reasons for our existence in this world. Man is something more than a stomach with accessory parts. He is something more than a naked body that needs to be clothed. He is a living soul, capable of serving God on earth and seeing Him face to face in heaven beyond."

"If God had intended man only for work, He could have made him strong and patient and docile like the horse and limited in intelligence. If He had intended man only to eat. He would have made him like some of the lower animals, with a ravenous appetite and with a digestion equal to all emergencies. If He had intended man to live for pleasure alone, He would have made him carefree and irresponsible, flying into the sunlight or the flame without fear. But God has created man with nobler capacities than these. He intends that man shall be nobler and better than these. He intends that man shall know and serve Him here on earth, and then finally see and serve Him in heaven."—Adapted from *The Christian Herald.*

WHAT CONTRIBUTION ARE YOU MAKING TO THE WORLD?

"Service is our biggest and best contribution to the world. A life is useful to our fellowmen and pleasing to God only to the extent that it spells unselfish service."

"The greatest distinction that can be conferred upon any person is to be called by the Master to devote his entire life, all his time and talents, to His service."

"To serve where God has placed us and can best use us should never be regarded as a sacrifice, but as a privilege and a blessing. And yet we frequently hear it spoken of as a great sacrifice, for instance, when some one heads the call to leave relations, friends and conveniences, to go to the foreign field to devote his or her life to strenuous work under trying and adverse circumstances. But you never hear the missionaries them-

selves, speak of their lot as such, either before they go out or on return after years of service in the Mission field. To them it is the only life-work worth while, because they believe the Lord has placed them there."

"To try to serve the Lord in a place of your own choosing without asking the guidance of God, is very unwise and unsafe. You cannot expect true success nor look for God's blessing. But when you sincerely say: 'Lord, I'll go where you want me to go, and do what you want me to do,' and then surrender to the Lord's will, you can always depend on Him for protection, guidance and blessing. Under those circumstances service can never be a sacrifice, but a blessed privilege to prove your love for Him, who saved you and called you into His service."

"Such servants the Lord needs today in every walk of life, but especially in the ministry of mercy to bring to a world full of sin, selfishness and suffering, the message of God's redeeming love."

"God calls, let us obey and follow Him in unfaltering faithfulness of service."

Self Needed.*

"The message must reach every church, every pastor, every Sunday school teacher, every individual Christian, that the service which individuals render to individuals in personal contacts and personal relations, is the finest kind of service the world has ever known. For the sake of that kind of service Jesus Himself took upon Himself flesh, and became 'as a Servant' and lived amongst men."

"There can be no substitute for self. Money is easy to give—it is hard enough for some people, and yet comparatively speaking it is far easier to give money than to give self. Jesus did at one time ask a young man to part with all his property, distributing it to the poor, in order that that young man might really discover the value of his own self, and whether or not he was willing to give that; and Jesus also stated at one time that the biggest gift of all was the gift of self, up to the very limit of dying for someone else. Missions need far more than old clothes that can be rummaged out of garrets; or cold pieces which can be parted with when the feast is over; missions require far more than money even; indeed the money is of little value save as it is converted into that priceless offering of somebody's self, in the person of the missionary."

"Local churches must realize anew—whether great or small—that genuine missionary opportunities lie right about them, in the giving of self through friendly contacts and personal service to the foreigners, to the Negroes, to the Jews—indeed to any and every race, group, and condition of men in the neighborhood."—Adapted from *The Missionary Review of the World.*

"Undoubtedly the greatest service that one has to give in all the personal relations of life is the gift of himself. To be true to that self divinely given, to respect that, and to give that, is both one's greatest sacrifice and one's greatest life. The two are not at odds; they interpenetrate each other.

"Self-sacrifice, as commonly understood, is not the sole guiding principle of Jesus. The other side of the paradox—joy in a true love—must perpetually come in. For example, when the youth is seeking to solve the investment of his life in the choice of a calling in a truly sacrificial spirit, he is not merely to ask: What is the largest, hardest sacrifice I can make? But in normal conditions, he is rather to ask: What sacrifice will most surely enable me to give steadily my best self to other men? And that sacrifice will be found in work which he can take on with zest and do with joy, as involved in the divine calling expressed in his very nature."

*Henry C. King.

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too, has felt the challenge and they will not only raise their share of the $1,000, but they are co-operating in the securing of funds for the new $50,000 Inner Mission Center in Brooklyn and are supporting "Little Willie" in school.

The Buffalo District, now known as the District Luther League of Western New York, has felt the challenge especially in the new efforts which they are putting forth in extension work. It begins to look now as if there will be a strong District League at Rochester and its vicinity, as a result of their efforts. All of these projects are in addition to the various proteges supported by various local Leagues.

In the realm of life-service, too, the call of missions has made itself felt. Rev. and Mrs. Claire S. Hayner, of Center Brunswick, Gilead Luther League, sailed for India recently; and many of the students at Hartwick Seminary and Wagner College (which has just applied for admission to the Brooklyn and Long Island) are Luther Leaguers studying for the ministry or for the foreign or home mission fields.

The keynote for success is "missions"—education, missions, life-service. And as long as the New York State League will continue its missionary policy, you can expect big things from this Luther League of the Empire State.

Methods

SOME "BEST" MEETINGS

A "Before the Meeting" Meeting.

This meeting is a part of the preparation.

A leader once went to speak to a Young People's Society.

Before the meeting, the President called the Secretary, the pianist, the leader of the meeting and the speaker aside into a small room.

There in a little circle, they had a pre-prayer service.

They asked that the meeting be successful, and made definite petitions that each be helped to do their very best.

After this meeting, each one felt that he could not go out to the regular meeting without a sincere effort to do his very best.

They couldn't but do their very best.

Have a pre-prayer meeting before your League meetings.

A "Daisy" Meeting.

This was one of the League's regular meetings.

It was advertised with a poster, made of green cardboard, with daisies cut from white paper decorating it.

At church the week before the meeting, everybody as they passed out was given a daisy around the stem of which was fastened with a rubber band a slip of paper on which was written a notice of the meeting.

The room was decorated with daisies—huge bunches of them—everywhere.

This was a Leaderless Meeting.

At the front of the room there were two large baskets of daisies, from which each one as he came in took a small bunch.

Around the stems of these were small papers with the parts which each one was to take in the meeting written upon them, with the number given in the order in which they were to participate.

There were two persons standing at the door who passed out additional single daisies to some as they came in.

The bunches of daisies contained prayers, psalms to be read, readings and quotations, parts of the Topic from the Review, etc.

The single daisies were the special features, solos, musical numbers, special readings, etc., which of course were given to particular individuals to whom these parts had previously been assigned.

An elaborate and interesting program had been prepared. There were hymns, prayers, psalms, solos, readings, poems read, recitations, a Topic studied, with a number presenting different parts of the Topic, and another group taking part in the discussion.

The balance of the meeting was held down in the social room.

Small tables decorated with huge bunches of daisies and candle-sticks with white candles and light green shades, with dainty sandwiches and tea served, made an attractive scene.

The daisies were afterward sent to the Children's Hospital.

And those with program parts afterward repeated the meeting at the nearby Home.

An interesting meeting resulted, you may be sure it was a "daisy" meeting.

A Japanese Tea and How It Interested the Whole Congregation.

There was a group of Leaguers who wanted to do something.

It was a congregation that did not know a great deal about missions.

The wise leader planned something attractive that would draw everybody.

A Japanese Tea was decided upon.

The basement of the church was decorated with Japanese lanterns and a multitude of Japanese flags, simply made by using large sheets of white wrapping paper and pasting large circles cut from red paper in the center. Booths were made—very easily—of four crepe streamers tacked to the ceiling and brought down to the four corners of small tables, and these were decorated with lanterns, wistaria and other flower decorations from crepe paper.

In these booths there were Japanese curios on display, leaflets of our mission work in the Sunrise Kingdom, no one got away without getting one, and from another refreshments were served.

Around the pillars of the room were fastened cherry boughs made of branches of trees, with pink tissue paper blossoms.

All around the walls of the room were posters with pictures of our work in Japan.

An interesting program was rendered—a Japanese sketch given by the girls in their gay kimonos made a pretty picture, and several stories of work in Japan were told.

A social hour followed, with games for the Juniors, the games played by the Japanese children.

The older folks were given an opportunity to talk and look over the curios and literature, and refreshments, tea and cherry gelatin, were served by the girls in their Japanese costume.

The whole congregation was interested.

Those interested in missions came, of course.

The Ladies' Aid, who were holding a meeting upstairs, came down en masse.

The Juniors were out in force.

The whole evening was a decided success, all received in a happy way facts about our work in Japan.

If you want to interest your whole church—have your League give a Japanese Tea.

1. *The League That Planned Its Work At the Beginning of the Year.*

It arranged its schedule of devotional meetings, appointing the leaders and had folders printed with the names of leader and topic.

Its Social Committee planned twelve socials—or as many as it could handle—

January, a New Year Social; February, a Valentine or George Washington Birthday Party; March, sewing for the Old Folks' home or Orphan Home; April, a Reception to new members; May, a May Party or Flower Social; June, a Missionary Social; July, a Picnic; August, a Lawn Party or Porch Party; September, a Get-together Social, or a Banquet with another League; October, a Hallowe'en Party; November, a Thanksgiving Social; and December, Christmas activities.

Likewise its Missionary Committee had been busy and had the work for the year planned; special preparation for the twelve missionary meetings, plans made for two mission study classes, arrangements made for a missionary pageant to be given by the League, and some definite missionary work to be accomplished during the year had been selected.

The budget of the society had likewise been planned. The dues to the district and state, plus the amount needed for local work had been added together, in all it would not be over fifty cents, and this amount was asked of each Leaguer the first meeting of the year, and dues forgotten then for the year.

The whole work of the society was all definitely settled.

This society "knew where it was going."

2. *The Entertaining League.*

This League believed in an interchange of ideas.

Frequently it arranged joint meetings with other Leagues.

The usual plan carried out was this—the visiting League provided the devotional hour, the entertaining League the social hour.

A few weeks afterward this was reciprocated—the entertaining League visited the League which had been their guest, and furnished the devotional program, while the other League in turn furnished the social hour.

Four or five leagues cooperating in such a scheme will get many and helpful ideas.

A District carrying out this plan through the whole District will gain much.

3. *The League That Met Its Young People's Needs.*

This League scoured the congregation for the young people.

It saw that all new comers were promptly welcomed.

It provided an adequate program for its young people. It was the "Young People's Department" of the church.

Thursday night was "Young People's Night" in that church.

The church was theirs for the evening.

Sometimes there was a social.

Sometimes there was a special feature—a lecture or some entertainment.

Sometimes it was a pageant—given by the young people for the whole congregation.

—Or a meeting of a Bible or Mission Study class.

More often it was the regular devotional meeting.

The whole plant was open for the young people.

A lunch or supper could be arranged prior to the meeting if desired.

There was a library which was open.

There was a social home-like atmosphere (which two Leaguers at a time took turns in creating) which caused the young people to drop in—and stay for the meetings.

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POOR JOSHUA!

Mrs. W. H. C. writes: "My little girl, Edith, aged five, seemed suddenly to have lost interest in Sunday School. She had enjoyed so much learning about Moses that I could not understand her change of attitude.

"'Why don't you want to go, dear?' I asked her.

"'O,' she replied, 'I don't like to go to Sunday School since Moses died.'"—*Boston Transcript.*

The Social Meeting

"A MAN'S AMUSEMENTS ARE REALLY A SERIOUS PART OF HIS LIFE. IT IS AS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW HOW TO RECREATE ONE'S SELF AS IT IS TO KNOW HOW TO CREATE. WE MUST LEARN TO PLAY."

"LET US TAKE THE 'WRECK' OUT OF RECREATION"

In our social work in the League three things are necessary to be kept in mind.

(1) It is the Church's place to provide wholesome amusement and recreation for all its members. We may talk until eternity against dance halls, movies, and frivolous amusements, but it will avail us nothing if we provide nothing in its place. The Church must meet the social demands of the young people as well as their spiritual needs, and in this program the Luther League, as the young people's organization, has a large part.

(2) In planning its social program, the League should aim not merely to meet the needs of its own members, but should have a larger vision of its mission, and aim to reach the entire membership of the Church. The League should make the Church a centre for all the members, and provide social features that will appeal to all ages.

(3) To do this successfully, a program must be carefully planned, a year's activities does not "just happen," it must all be definitely planned beforehand.

Therefore, at the beginning of the year we present the following program as an outline to guide Leaguers in planning a broad, all-round plan of social activities for the various groups found within the congregation:

JANUARY.

A New Year's Party—For the congregation.
- Twelve tables—with something typical of each month shown.
- Four games played—each typical of one of the four seasons.
- Group divided according to birthday—each month puts on a stunt, charade, or something characteristic of month.
- If held on New Year's Eve—might be followed by a devotional meeting.

Afternoon Educational trip—group of the Juniors—visit to some orphanage, church institution or place of historic interest.

Athletics—basketball.

FEBRUARY.

Valentine Social.

Patriotic Parties:
- Lincoln-Washington Birthday.

Outdoor activities:
- Tramps—"Hare and Hound" Hunt.

Entertainment:
- Entertainment in orphanage or home.
- Organize those of musical ability into Musical Club.
- Form a Dramatic Society and arrange a pageant. These give program.

MARCH.

Lenten work:
- Sewing and toy-making for orphan home children.

Athletics:
- Marble and Jack contests for Juniors.

APRIL.

Easter Reception:
- To new members in League.

Outdoor activities:
- Nature walks and bird study—for Intermediates.
- Spring hikes for Seniors.

Athletics:
- Baseball.

MAY.

Progressive Party for congregation:
- Have number of tables, have various tasks at each (needles to be threaded, bowl of beans and toothpicks, beans to be taken out of bowl, clothespins to be dressed, five pins and a piece of crepe paper to make a paper hat, etc. Each to be done in three minutes. Four at each table, two completing best in time given to progress to next table).

Memorial Day:
- Picnic for Leaguers.

Hike:
- Take supper.

JUNE

Chinese Social:
- Following Mission Study classes on China.

Lawn Party

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General Secretary's Letter

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:—

You have doubtless noted that the theme of the 1925 Senior Topic Scheme is Friendliness. The idea runs through the entire set and it is hoped that leaders will treat the topics from this angle. No numbered series is used this year, as the committee felt that the general theme took the place of the usual series. There are the usual monthly missionary topics based on the Young People's Home and Foreign Mission Study Books for 1925, which are in the Reading Course.

You will also note that there is an evangelistic series of topics in March, leading up to Easter. As the United Church aims to stress evangelism during the Lenten season, these topics will be found both appropriate and helpful.

There are also topics on church principles, citizenship, law-keeping, the Lord's Day, giving, prayer, Bible Study, and other themes that definitely affect young life.

The Committee has aimed at variety. Every effort has been made to keep the topics practical and within the experience of young people, and are issued with the prayer that they may prove helpful in providing expressional opportunities for our Leaguers.

In the Educational, Intermediate and Junior Departments you will find the 1925 Reading Courses listed.

In the contemplation of books your Secretary is ever reminded of the words of Sangster:—

"Here pure and sharp, the pictured spire
its cleaving point uplifts;
There, swept by stormy winds of fate,
time's sands are tossed in drifts;
And I, who sit beside the fire, an heir of
time and sense,
My book to me, the angel of God's sleepless Providence,
Who will, may choose to wander, far over
sea and land.
For me, the table and the lamp extend a
friendlier hand,
And I am blessed beyond compare while
with benignant looks
From home's familiar shelves they smile—
my pleasant world of books."

Nothing can take the place of good reading matter, and good reading method, in the development of life. One of the greatest blessings that ever came to man was the inventing of the printing machine, and the development of the publication houses.

Good reading is one of the most potent factors in the development and growth of the soul. To know what other men have thought and said is a stimulus to our own intellect to think deeply and to plan nobly for the betterment of the world. Some one has said: "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." If this be true, then our reading should be guarded with great care, for we may develop souls in the wrong direction, if we are attracted by unworthy forms of literature and give ourselves up to the light and trashy pages that are flooding the world today. Good reading ennobles character, but the reading of that which is evil degrades and debases the soul. Emerson has said: "If we encounter a rare intellect, we should ask him what books he reads."

Just now there is much interest in what youth is reading. Not what they are required to read in school, not what they read in order to advance in position, but what they choose to read. Of course, very much reading amounts to very little. It is neither good nor bad. The worst that can be said is that it consumes a vast amount of time that might be turned to better account. Many who read to "kill time" will find that murdered time has a ghost that will come back to haunt its slayers.

Moreover the thoughtless, careless readers who give no attention to the selection of what they read will not have very much to do with shaping the affairs of the church and the world. What they read or do not read counts for very little.

This has always been true. It is also true that there are in every period men and women whose reading makes a vast difference. History, both ecclesiastical and profane, is eloquent to this fact.

Now in a period when the world is being rebuilt, it is of great importance to know what the thoughtful students of the world are reading.

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CHURCH GAINS

The Church in its several branches is reporting large accessions to its ranks during the year past, and likewise an increase in the contributions that sustain its work and worship.

These gains are reported in the face of a battering criticism such as the Church has never faced before. Young men are more hesitant than ever about entering the ministry. The Church is arraigned for permitting war—as though the Church were not composed of human beings just like the people who never hear sermons nor attend services.

The Church, like the Government, is no better and no worse than the people who participate in its activities. But for any social collapse or any shortcoming of civilization, it is always easier to blame it on an institution than to admit our personal fault. It is always easy to say what "they" ought to do rather than drive home the responsibility to our own first personal pronoun and say, "what is the matter with us?"

The Church could not grow if it were the failure its enemies describe. It goes on, through discouragement and adversity, just as our own lives one by one proceed, and—like its human constituents—it knows hours of elation and conscious triumph. Let us get over the idea that the Church is an impersonal agency for the redemption of mankind presented complete and in working order to mortals on earth by their Maker. Under the divine inspiration it is a human concern, and its success or failure depends on what men, women and children put into it of themselves.

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TODAY'S "YOUTH MOVEMENT"

Open-eyed observers of our world are watching what is now commonly called "The Youth Movement" in Europe; which, with its curious combination of carnality and spirituality, is one of the most significant as it is also one of the most romantic social developments since the war. A recent book by Stanley High, "The Revolt of Youth," pictures it as a really worldwide uprising. As in America, much of this phenomenon is a regrettable casting off of all restraints and glorification of the merely physical. Nevertheless, it has also its spiritual side, which Mr. High seems to think predominant.

He quotes one appeal by and to the German youth—for it is in Germany that the revolt of youth has been most clear and spectacular. "A shining figure stands for us out of the darkness, eternally young. It is the light of the world, the Saviour whose every name awakens fear in this rotting world, but whom we greet with youthful eagerness. His name is Christ!"

Any study of the amazing development of the present youth movement, with its cross currents and paradoxical manifestations, drives the Christian reader straight to the conclusion that the hour has struck for a new answer to the call of the Christ who once more into leaders and reshapers of the world the commonplace young men whom He gathered about him in Galilee.

Practically, we need straightway a renascence of the young people's societies of the churches; a fresh awakening of the Sunday schools; a clear Christian leadership for the colleges; and a new sense of Christian discipleship in the family.

If the official heads of the churches were at all alive to the real need of our distracted time, they would turn aside from money-raising and theological squabbling and ecclesiastic jockeying, and devote themselves to recruiting a new apostolate of Christ from the restless youth of the land.

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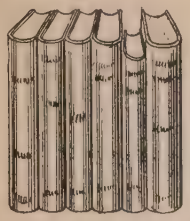
UNSUSPECTING MATER

Mamma—"Where have you been, Johnnie?"

Small Boy—"Playing ball."

Mamma (severely)—"But I told you to beat the rug, didn't I?"

Small Boy—"No, ma'am; you told me to hang the rug on the line and then beat it."



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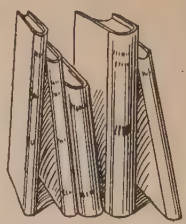

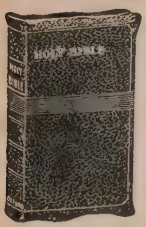

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

THE PRAYER BEFORE THE READING.

"Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

THE PRAYER AFTER THE READING.

"Almighty and everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continued thanks for Thy goodness through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen."

THE OLD TESTAMENT IN STORY

Thursday, January 1.—Creation. Gen. 1:1-13.

Friday, January 2.—Creation (continued). Gen. 1:14-31.

Saturday, January 3.—Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Gen. 2:1-25.

Sunday, January 4.—Temptation and Fall. Gen. 3:1-13.

Monday, January 5.—The Adamic Covenant. Gen. 3:14-24.

Tuesday, January 6.—The First Murder. Gen. 4:1-15.

Wednesday, January 7.—The First Civilization. Gen. 4:16-26.

Thursday, January 8.—Building the Ark. Gen. 6:1-22.

Friday, January 9.—The Flood. Gen. 7:1-24.

Saturday, January 10.—The Family of Noah on Dry Land. Gen. 8:1-22.

Sunday, January 11.—The Noahic Covenant. Gen. 9:1-29.

Monday, January 12.—The Tower of Babel. Gen. 11:1-9.

Tuesday, January 13.—The Call of Abram. Gen. 11:31-12, 9.

Wednesday, January 14.—Abram Goes to Egypt. Gen. 12:10-20.

Thursday, January 15,—Abram and Lot Separate. Gen. 1:18.

Friday, January 16.—Abram Delivers Lot. Gen. 14:1-24.

Saturday, January 17.—The Abrahamic Covenant. Gen. 15:1-21.

Sunday, January 18.—The Birth of Ishmael. Gen. 16:1-16.

Monday, January 19.—Abrahamic Covenant Confirmed. Gen. 17:1-14.

Tuesday, January 20.—The Promise of Isaac. Gen. 17:15-27.

Wednesday, January 21.—The Three Visitors. Gen. 18:1-22.

Thursday, January 22.—Abraham the Intercessor. Gen. 18:23-33.

Friday, January 23.—The Destruction of Sodom. Gen. 19:1-14.

Saturday, January 24.—The Destruction of Sodom (continued). Gen. 19:15-38.

Sunday, January 25.—Abraham's Lapse at Gerar. Gen. 20:1-18.

Monday, January 26.—Isaac and Ishmael. Gen. 21:1-34.

Tuesday, January 27.—The Offering of Isaac. Gen. 22:1-19.

Wednesday, January 28.—Death and Burial of Sarah. Gen. 23:1-20.

Thursday, January 29.—A Bride for Isaac. Gen. 24:1-29.

Friday, January 30.—A Bride for Isaac. Gen. 24:30-67.

Saturday, January 31.—Death of Abraham and Children of Isaac. Gen. 25:5-11, 24-34.

SENIOR READING COURSE FOR 1925

China's Real Revolution—Hutchinson	$ .75
Adventures in Brotherhood—Giles	.75
Our Church—(U. L. C.)	1.00
The Lie of the Age—Schoeler	.75
Guide Posts to Life Work—Fleming	.50
The Christian and His Money Problem—Wilson	1.50
Adventures in Friendship—Grayson	.75

THE USE OF THE BLACKBOARD IN BUILDING UP A PROGRAM

(By the Rev. E. A. Chamberlain)

One of the evils which creeps into the program of any church organization is sameness. Variety is needed in these programs planned just as variety is advisable in one's daily diet.

The blackboard is well adapted to break up the monotony of the evening's routine.

The argument frequently advanced by the leader is, "I cannot draw." The ability to draw is not necessary, however. If one can print or even write, the blackboard becomes a valuable asset.

A design made up wholly of letters may be used with much effect. These take the form of alliteration or of an acrostic. Alliteration is the recurring of the same letter or sound. Take for example the words of the Bible of two letters the latter of which is "o." And we have:

H
S
N
G
L

O The first is the word of invitation, "HO, every one that thirsteth." The second, salvation, "God SO, loved the world," The third is the word of assurance, "There is NO condemnation." The next is the great Missionary command, "GO, ye into the world." While the last is the great promise, "LO, I am with you always."

With the use of the Bible and a standard dictionary, almost any such combinations of letters may be used on the blackboard with telling effect. The acrostic also lends itself well to blackboard illustration. Take for example the word, "Watch." What are we to watch? Our

W ORDS
A CTIONS
T HOUGHTS
C OMPANIONS
H EARTS

or the promise of the Lord, when we

A SK
S EEK
K NOCK

There are many missionary symbols which require very little artistic ability, which may be used. The cross for Christ, a lamp for education, a church, the Bible, the flag, or a sword for the righteous wrath of God. These with suitable words will make a lasting impression on the minds of the hearers.

A newspaper without a picture, or a school-room without a blackboard, is an unthinkable condition in these days. Why not apply this principle to the regular meetings of the society.

Outlines, dates, places, maps, and facts to be remembered will make a greater impression if placed upon a blackboard. Visualized truth becomes more virile and vital. Ninety-five per cent of what we see, we remember; ninety-five per cent of what we hear we forget.

For interesting, instructive, enjoyable meetings, use the blackboard.

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TOPICS

February 1, 1925.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE AS AN EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP

Phil. 2:1-11.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Acts 8:29-35.
Tuesday—1 John 3:16-18.
Wednesday—1 Cor. 3:5-9.
Thursday—Phil. 4:10-20.
Friday—2 Cor. 8:1-6.
Saturday—Hebrews 3:12-15.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

In the announcement for this program include that of the "living ticket." Insist that each member bring a friend. This will be an active expression of friendliness. The relationship of the League members to those who come as visitors is an important phase of the organization. The duties of League ushers and the glad handshape of the members are worthy of discussion.

The cooperative spirit manifested by the organization with the other units that make up the Church activities counts in establishing the friendly attitude. No League will successfully make the outer world believe that it is friendly unless it has confirmed it in its own household.

Poor singing will chill the ardor of any visitor. Select hymns that all know and see that all who come have books and are able to find the place.

TOPIC.

Friendliness is necessary to success in any phase of activity. In the business or political world the friendly spirit often is the chief reason for carrying the issue. The friendly church attracts many in its doors that would otherwise never have ventured into that sanctuary. The League has the privilege to use the same power. Cordial greetings and brotherly attentions greatly assist in getting visitors and friends to return.

The spirit which the Church and its organizations are trying to develop is the Christlike attitude. It has nothing in common with pride and arrogance. The haughty are guilty of hindering the progress of the kingdom of God. The spirit of humility which wins by fellowship and companionableness is the only attitude that is akin to the life of the Saviour.

The young man or woman who feels and shows that there is a marked distinction between them and others of the Church or League is not only destroying the efforts of

others but also misinterpreting the Word of God for God is no respector of persons (Acts 10:34). The proud are limited in their friendships but the humble have the world at their service.

A League or any organization that expresses the offish spirit need not expect to recruit from the Sunday School or Church. An exclusive circle has no place in the "assembly of believers of Christ." The attitude of "better than thou" can not be used to best advantage in the activities of the Church. Condescension never reached anyone.

The Saviour laid aside all that was His as the Son of God in order to be made in the fashion of man. He humbled Himself so that He could reach the hearts of men. He is the ideal life of humility and friendliness. His life is an expression of the love of God. The League becomes godlike as it approaches the spirit of the Christ.

Humility of heart and life is an expression of love. The life is born again that manifests the fashion of the Saviour. The one with a passion for souls eliminates all feelings that act contrary to humility. The same is true of a congregation or any of its parts. The League as a part of the Kingdom of God desires to fulfill its purpose of furthering the work of Christ. If this is to be accomplished it must be done by an expression of friendliness to the people of the world at all times.

A spirit of love and fellowship that is not unfolded in and among the young people of the Church will never develop to much magnitude in the future work of salvation. The successful organization today is the one that shows the community, church and people that it has an open heart to share with others and a fraternal feeling for all that have faith and plans in common. A better League means a more positive expression of friendliness by all its members.

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February 8, 1925.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

THE CONQUEST OF SELFISHNESS

Romans 15:1-7; 16:22-27.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Jas. 4:13-17.
Tuesday—1 Cor. 10:23-33.
Wednesday—Luke 14:7-11.
Thursday—Psalm 139:23-24.
Friday—Matt. 18:7-9.
Saturday—Matt. 18:9-14.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

The way to get rid of selfishness is to be interested in others. Make the entire program definitely "For Others." A poem called "Others," by Chas. D. Meigs, published by the Inner Mission Board gives the thought completely. The Inner Mission Work of the Church can be made to fit in with the subject for this day.

The following stories are appropriate: "The Generous Uncle and the Selfish Nephew" (Gen. 12:19), Aesop Fables, "The Boy and the Nuts," and "The Dog and the Manger," and "The Girl Who Wanted Everything," found in Worth While Stories, by Evans.

An Inventory Discussion ought to create an interest. If this is worked right the League will see wherein it is not accomplishing what it should.

Hymns under the subject of Christian Life in the Common Service Book will be appropriate.

TOPIC.

We are all guilty of selfishness at times. Often it is the dominant spirit in our lives. Sometimes selfishness prevails when consciously we would prefer different feelings. Therefore the individual necessarily must fight to keep this sin from continually coming out. We are so closely joined to this life and the spirit of self-preservation is so pronounced that we naturally get into the habit of thinking and acting on the impulse of and for self entirely.

This attitude of life is contrary to Christianity. It attempts to sacrifice all else for the gratification of self. This principle of living leaves out the Christian teaching that God directs and leads his servants in this world. Christ condemned selfishness. He said, "for what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

An unselfish heart can not be acquired in a day. Sometimes it takes a lifetime to plant spirit of love into the soul of man. It is a gift to others from on high. Self-abasement characterizes the life of the Saviour. He gives the same desire to us if we will ask it. The goal of unselfishness is worth striving for although for some it takes a lifetime to conquer.

Selfishness is the root of sin. It leads us to destruction. Sin is the old man we must cast off. We promise to do this when we vow allegiance to Christ at the altar. We promise then to cast out all that is related to the life that is contrary to the Saviour's principles. This spirit of "for self Alone" is a chief offender. It goes among the first to the pile of wreckage.

The desire for power often leads one to forsake all sound laws and principles. The temptation of the devil in the Garden of Eden was knowledge as God's if they would disobey God's command. Ever since that day the heart of man craves power and is sometimes willing to sacrifice life itself to gratify the longing for a moment.

If we conquer this unchristian spirit we have progressed far in the Kingdom of God. When the church as a unit manifests this attitude of selfishness the world will be evangelized in one generation. The cause of

the tardy responses to the calls of the Church is that the hearts of the Christian people are selfish. The slogan of the people of Christ ought to be, "conquering self."

God wants the entire heart. A divided heart can not be filled with God's love. Christ can not have the first place in a life that is given partly over to an enemy. The lusts of the flesh and the charms of the life about us tempt up to merely share our lives, and possessions with the Saviour. Christianity will not make its true influence felt until each one of us sees the terribleness of harboring the sin of selfishness and set out to conquer before we are conquered by it.

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February 15, 1925.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.

A STRIKING INCIDENT IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Luke 19:1-10.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Luke 2:43-52.
Tuesday—Matt. 11:7-11.
Wednesday—Matt. 19: 13-15.
Thursday—Luke 14:1-6.
Friday—John 13:1-11.
Saturday—Luke 6:27-38.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

A Program—Christ's Miracles.

1—*Hymn*—Beautiful Saviour, King of Creation.
2—*Scripture Lesson*—Bible Verses by all (Words of Jesus).
3—*Prayer*—By Leader.
4—*Story*—The Water Made Wine (Jn. 2:1-11.
5—*Reading*—Stilling the Storm (Mark 4:35-41).
6—*Story*—Feeding the Five Thousand (Matt. 14:13-21).
7—*Special Music*—Jesus Lover of My Soul with Variations.
8—*Reading*—The Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19).
9—*Story*—The Syro-Phoenician Woman (Matt. 15:21-28).
10—*Reading*—Raising of the Widow's Son at Nain (Luke 7:11-16).
11—*Hymn*—Angel Voices Ever Singing.
12—*Lord's Prayer and Benediction by Pastor.*

TOPIC.

The life of Jesus reveals a number of strange incidents. They are striking because they are so different from our present life. After one has made a study of the Saviour and His mission in this world it will be much easier to account for the unusual things he did. It was not so much His breaking the old established laws of Judaism as it was His being faithful to the laws of His own nature.

When Christ called Zacchaeus from the tree and told him that He would dine with him that day, the Saviour was establishing a new order. Jesus knew that the lost sheep of Israel needed just such a friendly greeting to win them back into the fold. The leaders of the Jews had no appreciation for the man or the method.

The spirit of Christ was contagious. The association with Him awakened a new life. The short period of fellowship with the Christ made a lifetime difference for the tax collector. The friends of Zacchaeus soon learned that he had been with the Christ. And the world quickly learns today when someone takes the step to follow in the pathway of the Redeemer. The presence of the Saviour is a reason for abandoning all that is contrary to His ideals. When one has Jesus Christ he has all. Christ's friendship stirs the very depth of the soul. Corruption flees from His presence.

The Jewish Church and State had declared this Chief of Publicans an outcast. Christ thought differently. The Scribes and Pharisees beheld in Zacchaeus a desecrater of their religion. Christ read in him a heart that longed for Salvation. Zacchaeus was a man of affairs subject to the influence of the gospel. The change in his life effected others. His entire house was stirred by the presence of Christ. The hosts of friends soon saw that their companion Zacchaeus was burning with a new desire. His whole attitude to life was different. There was a difference between the old and new chief of Publicans.

The man that is born again is different. it is even so today, when the spirit of Christ captures a heart and life. Church membership does not necessarily mean that one is filled with Christ. The dim distinction between the church member and the non-church member proves this. This condition may be to the credit of the indifferent but it certainly is to the shame of the professing Christian.

Humanity today has an advantage over Zacchaeus. He had the privilege to have the Saviour in his home once in a lifetime. Christ is always with the believer now. Welcoming the Redeemer of the world in the home and life is the beginning of a new personality. It is permitting the same Saviour to produce in your life the change that is seen to come over that of Zacchaeus.

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February 22, 1925.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

CHANGING CHINA

(Missionary)

Psalm 2.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—1 Cor. 8:1-6.
Tuesday—Exodus 34:10-14.
Wednesday—1 Chron. 16:23-29.
Thursday—Matt. 6:5-13.
Friday—2 Sam. 22:47-51.
Saturday—Matt. 9:35-38.

The world has been reading for more than

twenty years about the "Awakening China." Some folks are wondering if she will ever really be awake. But, remember, that what it has taken 400 years for America and Europe to do China is having to do in about 40 years.

Even the less aggressively selfish of Western powers has been inclined to put its spoon in the broth that is brewing in China in the hope of securing more or less of special privileges for its own interests. It is impossible to estimate how much of the political confusion and anarchy in China today is due directly to foreign interference, open and secret, and how much is due to causes of Chinese origin only.

Changes in the economic environment of the Chinese people during the last few decades have been of a most varied character, and have come with astonishing rapidity. For means of communication railroads have been built, roads have been improved, rivers have been straightened. The telegraph and telephone are now a necessary part of the life of every large city in China. In agriculture, in mines, and in shipbuilding and foreign trade there have been amazing developments. Adaptability, one of the outstanding qualities of the Chinese people, is shown in the adjustment to modern conditions. China has packed into a single generation the improvements which Europe has taken 300 years to accomplish. Think of China with her 400 million people and of what it will mean for business and commerce when a fraction of one per cent of her people finds a need for articles being manufactured. The Christian forces in China are keeping abreast with the growing country. The Church is actually fighting the battle of the working classes.

"The growth of the Christian Church in China has been phenomenal. When Robert Morrison lay dying, after twenty-seven years of as devoted labor as any man ever gave to the cause of the Kingdom, he gathered the other missionaries about him, and, as they reviewed the less than twenty converts that they had secured in more than a quarter of a century, they agreed that it was scarcely to be hoped that there could be a thousand baptized Christians at the close of the century. Yet when the century of effort ended, despite the bloody massacre of Christians that fell upon the young Church just seven years before that anniversary, it was discovered that there were 179,000 Protestant church members in good standing! And when an enumeration was made again in 1922, only fifteen years after the Morrison Centenary, it was found that the church membership had grown in the interval to about four hundred thousand, with twenty-five thousand Chinese pastors caring for them.

"It is said that the Church is growing at a more rapid rate in China today than in any other part of the Protestant world. Practically every mission reports that there are more seekers after truth than can be cared for by the present forces. For years Christians missionaries called upon their supporters in America and other lands to pray that the doors of China might be opened. No doubt you have heard some of those prayers. Today they have been answered, and the embarrassment that besets the workers is as to how, with circumscribed forces, they are to take advantage of the unprecedented opportunities thus presented.

"Christianity is certainly the most aggressive religious force in China today. Its influence is being felt in all these realms of Chinese life of which we have already spoken—in education, in social customs, in the life of Chinese women, and in industry. There are Christian evangelistic centers of some kind in four fifths of all the counties (1,704) in China. And the power of Christianity is clearly on the side of the forces that are making for an intelligent, self-reliant, prosperous nation."

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GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

(*Continued on page* 10)

There is no greater service that can be rendered the youth of today than to bring to their notice and reading worthwhile character-building and purpose-forming books.

There is a fellowship and friendship in good books.

"I care not who the man may be,
Nor how his tasks may fret him;
Nor where he fares, nor how he cares
And troubles may beset him;
If books have won the love of him,
Whatever fortune hands him,
He'll always own, when he's alone
A friend who understands him."

The books of our Reading Courses for 1925 meet the requirements hereinbefore set forth. Read them.

The beginning of each New Year brings us to a new starting point. Have we accomplished something worth while in the year just gone by? If not, let us make our first resolution now; learn to take cares, sorrows and perplexities to Christ. It is one thing to *talk* about God, but quite another thing to *walk* with Him.

May the year 1925 be the happiest and most fruitful in your lives.

"Time worketh; let me work, too;
Time undoeth; O let me do;
As busy as Time, my task I'd ply
Till I rest in the rest of eternity."

League-ally yours,

HARRY HODGES.

Intermediate Department

"AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND IN STATURE, AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN"

THE 1925 INTERMEDIATE READING COURSE

Torch-Bearers in China—Matthews	$ .75
Land of All Nations—Seebach	.75
What Shall I Do With My Life?—Donnelly	1.50
Little Journeys in His Kingdom—Wendall	.50
The Master—Johnston	1.25
The Eagle of the Wilderness—Seebach	1.00

OUR GOAL FOR 1925.

100 REGISTERED INTERMEDIATE LUTHER LEAGUES

by the time of the Milwaukee convention. *We can do it and we will!* We want every Intermediate League registered. Send ten cents to the office with the name of your Church, the Superintendent's name and address, and the number of Intermediates enrolled, and your League will be registered, a Registration Number assigned, and a Certificate of Registration sent.

We also want these Leagues working on the "16-Point Efficiency Program." At the Milwaukee Convention an Honor Roll will be unfurled on which will appear the names of every Registered Intermediate League, and after each name a Star indicating what Rank each has obtained. Black, Red, White Blue and Gold stars will indicate respectively those Leagues gaining less than 10 points, and the Standard (10-point), Star (12), Honor (14), and Banner (15-point) Leagues. How many Banner Leagues will there be? Start immediately January 1 to work on the "16-Point Program." If you do not have a copy, send to the office for one.

REGISTERED INTERMEDIATE LEAGUES.

28. Memorial, Harrisburg, Pa.
29. Rockville Center, Long Island, N. Y.
30. Holy Trinity, Hollis, L. I., N. Y.
31. Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, N. Y.
32. Incarnation, Brooklyn, N. Y.
33. Messiah, Brooklyn, N. Y.
34. St. John's, Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.
35. St. John's, Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y.
36. St. Andrew's, Glen Morris, L. I., N. Y.
37. St. Luke's Athletic Association, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Your Intermediate Secretary does not often get thrills, but she did experience one when on November 14 she received from the Brooklyn and Long Island District League the list of the ten Intermediate Leagues as per the above to be registered!

New York has as its aim 50 new Junior and Intermediate Leagues this year, and it looks as though they have made a good start!

Register your Intermediate League NOW.

CONFERENCE FOR INTERMEDIATES.

The Brooklyn and Long Island District Luther League held their First Conference for Intermediates on Saturday, November 22, in the Church of the Incarnation, Brooklyn.

The following program was rendered:

Devotional Service—(Conducted by Carl Arnold Lindow, St. John's Intermediate Luther League, Lynbrook. Hymn 276, "Love Divine," Psalm 67, Scripture—"The Boy Jesus"—Luke 2:41-52, Prayer.

Address of Welcome—Paul J. Hartig—President, Incarnation Intermediate Luther League.

Pantomime—"O, Zion, Haste," St. Paul's Intermediate Luther League, Richmond Hill.

Greetings from the Seniors—Theodore P. Thomas, President District League.

Hymn—"Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

"One of the Sixteen Points—The Merit System."—Sister Pearle Lyerly, Junior and Intermediate Committee, Luther League of New York State.

"Girls! What Is Your Hobby?"—Grace Hallberg, Good Shepherd Intermediate Luther League.

Hymn 564—"Saviour, Blessed Saviour."

"Fifteen Varieties of Meetings for the Intermediates."—Representatives from St. Paul's, Valley Stream; Holy Trinity, Hollis, and Messiah, Brooklyn, Intermediate Leagues.

"Why the Church Needs the Young People."—Rev. Harold S. Miller, pastor of Incarnation Church, Brooklyn.

Hymn 212.—"Lord, Speak To Me."

Offering.

Descriptive Exercise.—"Luther's Coat of Arms," St. John's Intermediate League, League, Richmond Hill.

Luther League Rally Hymn.

Closing Prayer, Benediction.
Box Luncheon, Cheers, Songs, Impromptu Talks.
"Thoughts for Thanksgiving Day—Why We Should Be Thankful."—Rockville Centre Intermediate Luther League.
Hymn 467.—"Saviour, Breathe An Evening Blessing."
Benediction.

NEWS.

Bethlehem Intermediate League, Harrisburg, Pa., is coming to the front. They have interesting meetings and good attendance. They are busy making "Smile Books" for the Loysville Orphan Home, and will begin some other work to help fill Christmas Boxes for the children there. New officers were recently elected for six months. Their Registration Certificate has been received from the Luther League of America. It is Number Thirteen, but numbers do not count, for instead of being unlucky, Intermediate League Number Thirteen is in a most flourishing condition. The boys of the organization put up new coat hooks around the Sunday School room.

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February 1, 1925.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE?

Phil. 2:1-16.

Luther League Rally Hymn.
Scripture—Phil. 2:1-16.
Prayer.
Intermediate Girl—A History of the Luther League.
Intermediate Boy—The Luther League Motto and Emblem.
Hymn—"In the Vineyard of Our Father."

THE TOPIC.

The Luther League is the most important auxiliary organization within the Lutheran Church. Important, because it deals particularly with the youth and upon the youth depends the future of the Church. How important then, that our youth should be thoroughly acquainted with, and educated in, all the things which shall go to make them thorough and efficient Lutherans, all of which the Luther League aims to do.

Prior to the advent of the Luther League, it was a common practice in our Church for 80 per cent. of the Catechumens to "graduate" after confirmation. But in the few years that the Luther League has been in existence, there is a marked difference in numbers, in knowledge, in activity, in benevolence, on the part of our young people. Why? Because through the Luther League they have learned that there is a place for them and they do play a part in the Church's program. This is perhaps the greatest value of the Luther League: *Giving the young people a place in the Church's program.*

Another value is: *Fitting them to take their places in the Church's program.*

In the business world we do not put untrained and inefficient people in important positions. The greatest business in the world is the business of the Church and we cannot be less efficient than the less important business of the world.

Our Young People receive their elementary religious instruction in the Bible School.

The most thorough and advanced course of religious instruction they can get in the Catechetical Class under the pastor's direction and guidance. Save that given in the sermon, this instruction used to be the end of their religious training.

Now the Luther League has come and continues the religious education of the youth through Bible Study, Topics Study, Reading Courses, and a study of Missions around the fourfold standpoint of the spiritual, the mental, the physical and the social.

The Church realizes that she is not through with her work of education on the day of confirmation. True, the young man and the young woman have come to the years of discretion but this means larger opportunities for the Church and the youth.

The Church must develop a fuller consciousness, she must be a guide amid distracting interests and alluring attractions.

Not least is this true of that department where she is training the membership for active work, for the children and the youth of today are the leaders and supporters of the Church of tomorrow. The Luther League gives part of this training.

This, then is the great value of the Luther League: *Giving the young people a place in the Church's program and training them to adequately fill the place.*

Discuss Points:
What Is the Place of the Intermediate League in the Church's Program?
How Will Our Merit System Fit Us to Occupy that Place?
Sentence Prayers:
For the Church.
For the Pastor.
For the League.
For the Boys and Girls.
Lord's Prayer.
Hymn— "Teach Me My God and King."

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February 8, 1925.

LESSONS FROM THE LIVES OF GREAT AMERICANS

Luke 22:24-27.
(Rev. Frederick W. Barry)

This Topic, assigned for the month of February, immediately suggests to our

minds the two great men of America, whose birthday anniversaries fall in this month, viz.: Lincoln, our first martyred President and Washington, the Father of his country —the great General of Revolutionary days and the first President of this new Republic of the Western World.

America has produced many great men. Many of her sons have distinguished themselves on the battlefield, in public office, in pulpit and on platform, in commerce and in finance. We cannot draw our lessons from each of these, separately, so for convenience and appropriateness, we take as our examples of Great Men of America, Washington and Lincoln.

Qualities of Greatness.—What constitutes Greatness? We shall confine ourselves to but three.

Honesty.—Living by the truth and for the truth. Honest in word and honest in deeds. Being able to stand by and for the truth at whatever cost. The "cherry-tree" incident may or may not be a historical fact in the life of George Washington—nevertheless it illustrates that principle, fostered and practised all through his noble life. That Lincoln once walked many miles after his day's task was finished, to refund a customer whom he had unintentionally overcharged illustrates the same principle of greatness in the life of that large-hearted benefactor of humanity.

Perseverance.—Next to Honesty must follow being able to stick to a thing until it is finished, however hard and seemingly impossible it may sometimes appear. To persevere is to master difficulties. A handful of untrained and poorly-armed Colonists may well stagger any army general as he faces a strong force of well-trained and well equipped foe. Washington had faith in his men and in the cause he defended and thus winning faith from his men in himself he set out to accomplish the seemingly impossible and knew no defeat but led them to triumphant victory. Thus Washington became great both in his day and for all time.

Abraham Lincoln was a poor boy with little opportunity to secure such an education as his day offered. He was too poor to buy books, yet he managed, by perseverance, not only to learn to read and write and cipher, but finally to become a master among men and became an orator who has never had to yield first place to any one before nor since his day. This quality in both men won for them the esteem and confidence of their countrymen and because of it, they were lifted to the highest seat of honor the nation has to offer.

Trust in God.—This is the highest quality in Greatness. One cannot become truly great who lives apart from his God. "I can do all things through Christ." "Without Me, ye can do nothing." A man's Christianity must become a real part of his everyday life.

It was while the Continental army was in winter quarters at Valley Forge, half-fed and half-clothed, with little hope of better conditions, that this quality manifested itself in General Washington. One morning he was discovered, out among the trees of the forest, upon his knees in the snow, pouring out his soul to God in behalf of his soldiers and his country's cause. To him there was but one refuge. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." This one view through the window of his soul let the world see where his source of greatness lay.

Down in Washington, at the Capitol, on the night before the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, that document which set at liberty a race of enslaved men, women and children, Abraham Lincoln sat. Remembering the scene on the slaver's vessel as he had ascended the Mississippi River years before, and the vow then made "to strike this curse hard if the opportunity ever came to him," Lincoln spent the whole night in prayer communing with his God, and when the morning dawned, his hand was steady and firm as he held the quill and signed his name. This act broke the shackles of slavery and set the black man free, and though the man whose name did the miracle, died at the hand of an assassin, his name will shine as letters of gold on the pages of the world's history.

These three qualities, Honesty, Perseverance and Trust in God, will lead all up to greatness who are willing to pay the price. That price is service and sacrifice. "For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as He that serveth."

Suggestions for the Meeting.

Patriotic Meeting with the Flag in prominence.

A Picture Gallery of as many Great Men of America as can be procured and hung about the walls.

A short sketch of the lives of any of these men.

Choice incidents from the lives of Washington and Lincoln, other than those referred to.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Oration recited or read.

Some other men whose lives may be used: William Penn, Benjamin Franklin, U. S. Grant, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, General Muhlenberg, D. L. Moody, John Wanamaker and others.

February 15, 1925.

WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR MY CHURCH?

Rom. 12:1-21.

Hymn—"I Love Thy Zion, Lord."
Scripture—Roman 12:1-21.
Prayer.
Superintendent—Place of Church in World, Community, and Personal Life.
Hymn.—"The Church's One Foundation."

THE TOPIC.

From the Superintendent's talk on the Place of the Church in the World, the Community and our personal lives we have seen that minus the Church, the world would be naught but a dreary desert. All that makes life worth while for us is the fruit of the Church. And since the Church has done so much for us, we naturally ask ourselves the question which is the subject of this topic: "What should I do for My Church?"

I should love her. She has made the world worthwhile: She has preserved and extended the message of salvation. Made me a child of God in Baptism. Laid her hands upon me in confirmation. Comforted me in the Holy Communion, Inspires me to right living. Will smoothe my dying pillow. Surely I should love such a friend:

I Should Know her. Well known as the Church is in the world, so few really know her intelligently. Take any group of people and introduce the subjects of politics, music, sports, movies, books and everyone will have something to say. But introduce the subject of the Church and immediately there is an awkward silence born. No one knows the subject well enough to talk upon it. Suppose some one would ask you: "What are the chief teachings of the Lutheran Church?" What would you answer?

Surely we should read, study and know this priceless friend better. *I should be obedient to her.* In our homes we are obedient to our parents, in school to our teachers; in business to our employers, in the State to our rulers? And yet we feel that the Church has no right to exact of us obedience. But, if it is true, as we believe, that the Church is the one Divine Institution in the earth, whose head is the Lord God, Himself, is it not the institution pre-eminent that has the right to expect our obedience?

I should pray for her. Some one has said that most prayers are "gimme Prayers." "Lord, gimme this and Lord gimme that." Are Yours? Think what a mighty institution the Church would be if all of her five hundred million followers prayed daily for her. Imagine, if you can, the gates of Heaven being assailed daily with the prayers of that host. How those gates would be forced and what a stream of blessing would flow into the Church.

I should give to her. Suppose these five millions of Christians gave as much to the Church as they give to the movies, for chewing gum, for cosmetics, for travel. There would be no heathen lands, no slum districts, no questionable places of amusement. Suppose we were *big* enough to come into Church on Sunday morning and put as much on the offering plate as we put in the box office of the movie the night before. What would happen?

"The earth would be filled with the knowledge of God,
As the waters cover the sea."

I should serve her. How? By taking part in her services, fitting myself to play a part in her program for the uplift of the community and the salvation of the world and inviting others to come with her. The object of the Luther League is to train us to take places in the Church's Program. Of course Luther Leaguers will not absent themselves from the Service of Worship. No real Christian would, if physically able to attend.

Li Hung Chang, the Noted Chinese Ambassador, who lived several years in America, as he was about to return to China was asked, what he thought of our Churches. He replied, that he had not been in one: When asked why, he replied that he had not been invited. He had wanted to go, been waiting for an invitation, but received none. A sad commentary on the Christians with whom he associated. Is there some one awaiting your invitation?

Love, Knowledge, Obedience, Prayer, Gifts, Service, these are the marks of a true and loyal Church Member.

Discussion on these virtues.

Sentence prayers for the Gift of these virtues.

Lord's Prayer.

Hymn—"Take My Life and Let It Be."

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February 22, 1925.

"TORCHBEARERS IN CHINA"

Chapter 4

THE TRAIL ON THE ROOF OF THE WORLD

(Missionary)

(Laura Wade Rice.)

Hymn.

Prayer—O, Thou Light of the Torch, God has given to each of us, touch our hearts till we, too, become aflame with Thy love for others. Kindle within us a passion to light the hearts of boys and girls in China with the fire of love for Thee. Help them and us to pass on to others the Light we have received—even Thyself, O Jesus, our Lord and Master. Amen.

Superintendent—At the Feast of Dedication is a Jewish ceremony which is known as Hanukah, the Feast of Lights. It is kept

in memory of the miraculous multiplying of the sacred oil for the seven-branched Temple candlestick at the rededication of the Temple in the days of the great Jewish hero, Judas Maccabaeus. It comes at about our Christmas season, and is the joy of the children. The Boy Jesus, Himself "a Hanukah boy" because born at this feast time surely delighted Himself with repeating the blessings and lighting the Hanukah candles in His home. He loved to call Himself the Light of the world.

Reading—(1) John 8:12, (2) John 9:5, (3) John 12:46.

Hymn.

Previously assigned for this Topic:

1. Age of China and some of its history.
2. Inventions—for both subjects refer to "Young China"—pp. 47, 48 (this is a Handbook for Intermediate groups, 50 cents. Order from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.).
3. Marco Polo—Then and Now. See "China's Real Revolution," pp. 6-16. (Order as above.)
4. Our New Work in China. See Foreign Missionary, *The Lutheran, Luther Woman's Work.*

Put names of new mission stations and missionaries on blackboard. Show on map all places mentioned in today's lessons.

Leader—Jesus who said, "I am the Light of the World," also said, "Ye are the light of the world." Every Torchbearer, from the apostles down, who has made the spot brighter where he dwelt, has lit his Torch at the Great Light. No moon or star shines by its own light—it catches its glow from the great sun. The Torchbearers who went to China lit their torches from Him. The value of their torches—of your torch and mine—is that it shall *stay lit.* No wind of temptation, no rain of trouble shall extinguish it. So to give us courage to press on in our life-way, holding aloft and safe the light Jesus has kindled in our souls, we "take heart and courage," from other lives lived bravely for Him. Albert Sheldon—Torchbearer on the Roof of the World—we wait for your story!

(Five Intermediates—from "Torchbearers in China"—Chapter 4—previously assigned.)

A—The Torchbearer's Boy-Days, pp. 68-70.

B—In Training and Away, pp. 71-77.

C—On the Roof of the World, pp. 78-87.

D—Shining among Bandits, pp. 88-96.

E—Shining at Home and to the End.

Leader—And men said—"The light—the wonderful light has gone out!" But they were wrong. The One who gave the Touch only lifted it higher where it will shine forever and ever.

Closing Hymn—"For All Thy Saints" (Common Service Book, No. 250.) First and second verses:

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Alleluia!

"Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in their well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia!

THE SOCIAL MEETING

(*Continued from page 9*)

Congregational picnic.
Athletics:
Tennis.

JULY.

Patriotic party.
Boat trips.
Athletics:
Group swimming.

AUGUST.

Camping:
For Intermediates.
Picnic for the Juniors.

SEPTEMBER.

Get-together Social:
For the whole congregation.
Watermelon parties.
Rallies with neighboring Leaguers.

OCTOBER.

Hallowe'en Social.
Camp Fire:
For the Intermediates.
Dramatic Club:
Pantomime of hymn, dramatization of Bible stories.

NOVEMBER.

League Banquet.
Junior and Intermediate workers' supper.
Missionary Pageant by the Dramatic group.
Basketball.
Thanksgiving activities:
Thanksgiving cheer to needy.

DECEMBER.

Christmas Party.
Carolling Christmas Eve.
Community Christmas Tree.
Christmas program in church under auspices of League.

A church with a social program like this need not worry about its young people. They will be there.

WHERE TO GET MATERIAL.

The following list of books, all of which

(*Continued on page 34*)

Junior Department

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"

1925 READING COURSE

Chinese Lanterns—Meyers	$ .75
Uncle Sam's Family—McConnell	1.00
The Marigold Horse—Seebach	1.25
Best Bible Tales—Hurst	1.50
Martin of Mansfeld—Seebach	.75
Through Story-Land With the Children—Faulkner	1.25

Policy.

At the recent meeting of the Junior Committee of the Luther League of America the following policy was outlined. It was then submitted to the Executive Committee, and has been approved by the same.

"In view of the action of the United Lutheran Church whereby (1) all existing children's organization remain in statu quo, and (2) a coordinated program of activities between existing organizations is to be planned.

"We announce the following policy to govern the Junior Department of the Luther League of America:

"(1) That our work be promoted as outlined in the Constitution and that extension work be at once inaugurated in each of our units, and

"(2) That we heartily cooperate in arranging and promoting a coordinated program of activities to consist of a correlated series of Topics, Bible Readings, Reading Courses, etc., a plan of leaders' conferences, Junior Rallies and other combined activities in which all agencies may cooperate, and the combining of all such other activities as are possible to form a unified program for the children of the Church."

This means that our work can now go forward in each of our units, and definite plans be made for extension work, something which we have not done while the question was still pending.

Objective.

The Junior Committee also selected a definite objective for the Junior League, which has also been approved by the Executive Committee. It is as follows:

Education: For the Publishing of Junior Literature	$100
Missions: For Children's Work in China	100
Life Service: Toward the Support of a Boy From Porto Rico Studying for the Ministry	100

$300 in all. The Junior Leagues in a concerted effort can easily exceed this sum. A letter will be sent out in the near future to each Junior League superintendent explaining in full this work and the plan for the gathering of the funds.

Program Packet.

The list of Topics for the first four months was given in the December Review. To go with these Topics there is a Program Packet consisting of eight leaflets (some of which were used last year and to be repeated again as exercises by the children) and seven Perry Pictures, to use with the picture lessons and the Lenten topics. The Packet sells for forty cents. Order it to make your meetings interesting.

For the remainder of the year a new packet will be prepared. In order that coordinated programs may be prepared we are arranging for only four months at this time.

Registered Junior Leagues.

84. Orangeburg Church, Orangeburg, S. C.
85. Mt. Calvary, McKees Rocks, Pa.
86. St. Michael's, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
87. Messiah, Wesleyville, Pa.
88. Christ, Brooklyn, N. Y.
89. Apostles, Philadelphia, Pa.
90. Zion, Leacock, Pa.
91. Christ, Trenton, N. J.
92. Epiphany, New York City, N. Y.
93. St. Matthew's, York, Pa.
94. St. James, Pottstown, Pa.
95. Zion, Frackville, Pa.
96. Zion, Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.

Our Junior Leagues in the Virgin Islands

A visitor to the office lately was Sister Clara Smyre, of the Virgin Islands. She told us most entertainingly of the two Junior Leagues there, the one at Christiansted, and the one at Fredericksted, and showed us a picture of these Juniors "off for a convention." (The Juniors go to conventions down there!) She told us also of their regular meetings and the interest manifested by the children.

We asked her what the Junior Leaguers here might do for the Juniors of the Virgin Islands and she told us that the thing she

most needed was a *piano*. She needed this for Junior League, for kindergarten, for the Weekday school and for the vacation Bible School. Imagine us trying to do without a piano for this work! We told her that we would invite the Juniors to help secure one for her. If *your* Junior League cares to make a contribution to this work, send the same direct to Sister Clara Smyre, Box 183, Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, U. S. A., marking it "For Piano Fund."

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT.

The following extracts from a letter received from the Junior Chairman of the Pacific Northwest District League speaks for itself—"As Chairman of the Junior League Committee I am writing to you for literature. We are endeavoring to bring each League to realize the necessity of such an organization. There are eleven leagues in the District, a Junior League leader has been appointed in each local league, to do all in their power to extend and promote a Junior organization in their midst. Send us enough literature to circulate among these Leagues."

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Junior Committee of the Pennsylvania State League held a meeting in November. They accepted the challenge presented by the New York League—who have announced that they will have 50 new Junior and Intermediate Leagues this year. Pennsylvania says they will have 75! Wouldn't it be fine if we could go to Milwaukee with this achieved! Pennsylvania can do it with work on the part of each District Junior Chairman. This is what the State Chairman has to say about it:

Pittsburgh, Pa., November 14.

Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse,
Junior Secretary, Luther League of America,
Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR MISS MEHLHOUSE:

Pennsylvania accepts the challenge published in the December number of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW to beat New York's plan to organize 50 new Junior and Intermediate Leagues during the year. Our State has always been the leader in the Junior Department of the Luther League of America, and we do not propose to permit even such a live and splendid organization as the Luther League of New York to take this honor from us. We are, therefore, placing our goal at 75 new Junior Leagues during the year 1925.

Very sincerely yours,
CHAS. W. FUHR, *Chairman*,
Junior Committee,
Luther League of Pennsylvania.

Now, Pennsylvania Leaguers, get busy! This will mean some real work on the part of every district chairman and president. New York is already hard at work, and is pushing the work very definitely, having conferences for the Intermediates, demonstrations with the Juniors, and the work presented at each and every District convention. Pennsylvania can do the same. If each District Chairman of Junior work gets busy immediately, looks over his or her territory, outlines plans for extending this most important branch of our League work into each congregation, the goal of 75 can be reached. Remember our slogan—"We can do it, if we will; We can do it *and we will!*"

NEWS.

The Junior Leagues of Monaca, Rochester and Freedom gave the Pageant, "Even These Little Ones," at the convention of the Pittsburgh District on November 18.

The Philadelphia District held a Junior convention on Saturday November 10 when a program of exercises and drills by the Junior Leagues of the city was presented. The convention was held in St. Paul's Church, there were 130 Juniors and 20 leaders and workers present. The banner for the largest attendance went to St. Paul's Junior League. A definite objective was assumed by these Juniors; three dollars per year for supplies for the Sunday School work of the Martin Luther Neighborhood House, the Italian Mission, which boasts of a flourishing Junior League, being selected. The speaker was Mr. Charles Fuhr, of Pittsburgh.

The Junior League of Memorial Church, Harrisburg has purchased the Junior Reading Course, and one of the Juniors, having completed reading the same, has received a Reading Course Certificate.

Sister Pearle Lyerly presented Junior work at the convention of the Albany and Susquehanna District Luther League Convention on November 16.

One f the best demonstrations of Junior work which we have seen presented was given by the Junior Luther League of the Church of the Advent, New York City, at the District convention on November 15.

Thirty Juniors were present, a little Junior miss presided at the piano, and the following exercises were given:

Wanted: A Leader.
Luther's Coat of Arms.
Dramatization, Story of Queen Esther.
Quartet—"Not Half Has Ever Been Told."
The Meaning of the Church Year.
Pantomime—"I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old" with a closing tableau, with all the children in costume on the platform, singing the Lutheran League Rally Hymn.

Advent Juniors have given three such demonstrations, and during the year have

contributed about $175 for various purposes.

The New York City District has 4 Junior Leagues with a new one recently organized in Epiphany Church, with 28 members.

The Junior League of Oswego, New York has sent a gift to the Junior League of the Martin Luther Neighborhood House, Philadelphia, Pa.

On December 11, in Memorial Church, Harrisburg, the Harrisburg District League held a Rally, at which Junior and Intermediate work was presented, the speaker being Mrs. M. Haller Frey, of York.

The Junior workers of the Philadelphia District to the number of 35 met for a Junior Workers' Dinner on November 26 in St. Petri's Church. The speaker was Mrs. M. Haller Frey, of York, Pa., who spoke first on "Future Opportunities," our work with the Juniors, and next on "Building Bridges," the work of the Intermediate League. Greetings were brought by the District President, Mr. A. R. Pohlke, the Junior and Intermediate Chairmen of the District, and short speeches were given by the General Secretary, Mr. Harry Hodges, and Mr. M. Haller Frey, Junior Chairman of the Luther League of America.

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THE TOPICS

January 25, 1925.

PASSAVANT: THE FRIEND OF THE POOR

(Hero Story)

James 1:22-27.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.
Monday—Matt. 6:21.
Tuesday—II John 1:1-13.
Wednesday—Gal. 5:13:14.
Thursday—Phil. 4:10-19.
Friday—II Tim. 3:14-17.
Saturday—Acts 5:17-29.

POSTER TO ANNOUNCE THE MEETING.

Paste on a sheet of cardboard a picture of one of our orphanages or homes, which can be found in old copies of *The Lutheran, Lutheran Women's Work* or other church papers. Print the time of the meeting underneath, and above write in large letters the caption, "The Story of Passavant, One or Our Church Heroes."

PROGRAM.

Hymn.—"I Need Thee, Precious Jesus" (367 Common Service Book).

Psalm 1.—A Picture of a Righteous Man (recited in concert or read responsively).

Prayer.—That the Juniors may become leaders and workers for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Topic.—Introduction by leader. Today we are going to hear of one of the great heroes of our Lutheran Church. We all like stories of heroes. The stories of the great men who worked that Christ's Kingdom might grow, and who sacrificed and labored for Him, are among the best hero stories we could find anywhere.

The man we will learn of today is William Alfred Passavant, and the great work he did was to start in America the great task of caring for the orphan and the homeless, and to help in many ways the poor who crossed his way.

Let us have some stories about this hero.

First Junior.—Passavant as a boy was lively, quick tempered, affectionate and loved fun. He always wanted to be captain when the boys played soldiers, and he was a leader in all the games. His mother was his teacher and guide and from her he learned his first lessons in caring for the poor. Many an errand she sent him to carry baskets of fruit and preserves to a sick person, or food, clothing and other comforts to some needy one in the neighborhood.

Second Junior.—When Passavant grew up he decided to become a minister. While studying he organized a Sunday School and a prayer meeting for colored folks. He traveled on horseback and taught some folks back in the mountains. Wherever he could he was doing good.

Third Junior.—He became a very successful pastor, but this was not the end of his work. He visited Germany and saw there the great work being done at Kaiserwerth, the Home for Deaconesses and he decided that such work must be done in America. Some time later he sent back to Germany some money, and with this the first deaconesses or "sisters" were sent to America. Thus Passavant began the great work which we see our deaconesses carrying on today, caring for the sick and poor, teaching, assisting pastors and in a hundred ways helping along the work of the Church.

Fourth Junior.—But Passavant was not yet satisfied. He knew there was ever more work to do. A boat load of soldiers landed at Pittsburgh, and Passavant found among them two sick men. They were taken to a little building, which was fitted up as a hospital and care given them. This was the beginning of the first Protestant Hospital in America. Today our Lutheran Church has hospitals in Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Jacksonville, Illinois.

Fifth Junior. Next came the orphanages. Children were gathered together by Passavant and at least ten homes for them opened. Today our Lutheran Church's great work for the orphan children is the fruit of Passavant's work.

Sixth Junior.—Are you wondering where all the money came from for Pasa-

vant to start all these works? It came slowly at first. First he began saving himself, by saving carfare, by going without dinner. Gradually he interested others, until gifts began to come, a dollar, two, five. Once he bought a hospital building costing thousands of dollars without a dollar in sight. But he had faith in God and knew He would help him in his work.

Seventh Junior.—Passavant took as his motto: "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day" This is a good motto for us. We can do God's work while we are young.

Discussion.—Plan some work for the nearest orphan home.

Closing Prayer.—For the orphan homes, and those who are caring for the orphans.

SUGGESTIONS.

Get the leaflet, "William Alfred Passavant," from the Women's Missionary Society, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, five cents, for facts concerning Passavant.

Get in touch with the nearest orphan home, and do some definite work for them.

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February 1, 1925.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN INDIA

(Missionary)

John 10:15-16.

(Mrs. A. J. Fenner)

PROGRAM.

Hymn—"Around the Throne of God in Heaven."

Scripture Lesson—Mark 10:16.

Sentence Prayers by Juniors—For our brothers and sisters in other lands—in our own land, and in our homes.

Topic—"Brothers and Sisters in India.

Discussion—How we can help these brothers and sisters in India. (If possible plan something definite.)

Closing Hymn—"The World Children for Jesus—4th Verse—substituting word "Indian." (Secure from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.)

THE TOPIC.

(Six brothers and sisters come from India to join the children in their meeting. It is more interesting if the boys wear cheesecloth turbans and the girls cheesecloth dresses or saris.)

First Visitor (with a map to show the children the location of his home). India is a very warm country. In some places the trees grow so high and the branches and vines are so thick that no one can get through. This is called a jungle and here many wild animals live. Beautiful birds sing in the branches and monkeys swing from tree to tree. Sometimes great elephants come tramping through in search of food. We do not like to live near the jungle. Would you? Where I live it is very warm and dry for many months. Then the rainy season comes and we have to stay inside for many days. I love my country just as you do yours.

Second Visitor (girl with a picture of an Indian Home—from "Homes Around the World"—secured from Missionary Headquarters). Our homes are made of mud. The sun is so hot that it bakes the mud just like bricks. We do not need a very large home for we cook and eat outside. Do you see mother and my sisters getting dinner ready? (Shows picture.) We have to grind our corn between two heavy stones. Then mother bakes it into little hard cakes. We eat these cakes with rice, which has a hot peppery sauce over it. Just think how few dishes we have to wash! No knives, forks or spoons, just an earthen bowl. No furniture to dust, for we sit on the ground and hold the bowl in our laps! Of course we serve the idol first, then father and my brothers. Sometimes they do not leave us enough to eat and we have to go hungry. We belong to the lowest caste in India and are very poor.

Third Visitor (girl wearing a sari). I am a little Hindu girl. We are not loved or wanted in India. They say girls have no souls. My father was very angry when I was born, he wanted a son. I must work very hard every day and not displease him. I never go out walking *with* my father and brothers. I must walk back of them and keep my face covered. How I would love to go to school and learn to read and write—but only boys are allowed to do that! I have never had a doll to play with. May I hold one of yours for just a little while?

Fourth Visitor (boy). I have just come home from school. In India we boys sit on the ground and write our lessons in the sand. We have to learn whole books by heart. You should hear the noise when we all repeat our lessons out loud! My teacher does not know any arithmetic, so we only have reading and writing.

Fifth Visitor (having a picture of one of the Hindu gods—"Ganesa," the elephant god is a common one). I am very tired today because mother and I took a long walk to the shrine. This is the god we went to worship. His name is Ganesa. Mother has has such a pain in her head and we asked Ganesa to make it better. Mother put a wreath of flowers around his neck and some melted butter on his head to please him. Then she bowed many times before him. I did not want to go near this ugly idol—oh!, how he frightened me with his four arms and great eyes. Mother said he is only stone and cannot hurt me. I do hope I shall

not have to go to that shrine again. Mother's head is no better.

Sixth Visitor (with picture of our Girl's School at Rajahmundry, Hospital at Guntur, Miss Anna S. Gugler, and many others). This is a hospital our Lutheran Church has built in Rajahmundry, India. Now our Hindu mothers may come here and get well. They need not visit that horrid idol who is only made of stone. This is Miss Anna Gugler, who is a doctor and the head of this hospital. When the sick people are getting well, our nurses and Bible women tell them about Jesus.

This is a school for girls which our Lutherans have built at Guntur. How happy the girls are to be able to go to school. Now they can read our Bible, sing our hymns and, best of all, they know that Jesus loves them just as much as He does little boys. (As many pictures of our work may be shown as time permits.)

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February 8, 1925.

JOSEPH, THE TRUE HEARTED, AND JOSEPHS OF LATER TIMES

(Bible Story)

Gen. 41:1-8; 14-16; 25-40.

PROGRAM.

Hymn.
Roll Call., Business, Minutes.
The Topic.
Discussion.
Sentence Prayers by the Juniors.
Lord's Prayer.

THE TOPIC.

(1) *Leader's Introduction.*

We are going to hear today about Joseph. We know some stories about him, and the thing we want to learn today is how he was true hearted in all he did—that is he always held to what he knew and thought was right, even when it would have been easier for him to do otherwise. To stand for the right is never easy. We will also hear about some other Josephs, and how we can be Josephs today.

(2) *Joseph.*

Joseph, as you know, had eleven brothers. He did not get along very well with them. First of all, he was his father's favorite, and so they did not care for him. Then his father gave him a coat, better than those which his brothers wore, and they became jealous. Next, Joseph brought back to his father reports of some of the evil things which his brothers did, and then they hated him the more. He did this not because he was a "sneak" or "tattle-tale," but because he had to tell the truth—he was true-hearted even as a boy. Then, too, Joseph was a dreamer. (Have another Junior tell the story of Joseph's dreams.)

Even though he was in danger, Joseph kept to the right. His brothers sold him as a slave into Egypt, where he stood for the right and was brave and true hearted. Even when thrown into prison, he was fearless and still remained true-hearted. God always cares for those who are true.

The king, Pharaoh, was much puzzled over two dreams. (Have another Junior tell the story of Pharaoh's dreams—how Joseph explained them). The king was so pleased that he made him governor over all the land. Here again he was true-hearted. Instead of becoming a great, rich man himself, he helped the people, and when the time of famine came, he opened the warehouses and sold or gave food to the people.

But the greatest way in which Joseph showed how true-hearted he really was was still to come. Back in his own home country, the famine had spread also. His brothers and his old father were in need of food. They came to Egypt to get some, not knowing that Joseph was ruler. Would he treat his brothers badly, or forgive them for their cruel treatment of him when they sold him as a slave? (Have a number of Juniors act out the scene—the brothers coming in and asking for grain, departing with their sacks full, the servant hurrying after them and bringing them back, the stolen cup missed, and the finding of it in Benjamin's sack). Joseph's real true-heartedness is shown when he forgives his brothers.

(2) *Joseph, the husband of Mary.*

Another Joseph we read of in the Bible is Joseph, the husband of Mary. We do not learn much about him, except that he was "of the house of David," meaning that he he came of David's family. He lived at Nazareth, and was a carpenter, and "a good and just man." Above all he trained the child Jesus in the way of the Church, for our Bible tells us that at the age of twelve he took Him up to the temple at Jerusalem for the celebration of the Feast.

(3) *Joseph of Arimathea.*

This Joseph was a rich and important man. He belonged to the Great Council of the Jews, and our Bible tells us he was one who did not consent when the rest of the Jews conspired to put Jesus to death. On the very evening of the Crucifixion, he went boldly in to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus, and it was this Joseph and his friend Nicodemus who performed the last loving rites over our Saviour's body, carefully wrapping it in a linen robe and placing it in a new tomb cut out of rock, wherein no one had ever been placed. This tomb was in the garden of Joseph.

(4) *Some Josephs of today.*

Juniors can be Josephs today. They can learn from the examples of these men. They can be true-hearted, like Joseph of old. They can be fair and square on the

playground, in school, at home. It isn't always easy to stand up for right. Sometimes we see boys and girls doing things that are not right. It would be easy to keep quiet, but true-hearted Juniors must stand for what is right. It is easy to find excuses for not doing things—not coming to Sunday School, Junior League, and so on, but that is not being true-hearted. We must be willing to forgive, too, if we would be true-hearted, just as Joseph forgave his brothers. This is hard sometimes.

Juniors whose parents send or take them to church and bring them up "in the fear and admonition of the Lord" as Joseph did the boy Jesus, should be willing to follow their guidance.

Joseph of Arimathea was not afraid to be known as a friend of Jesus, even when He hung on the cross, and Juniors today, while they cannot render the service that he did, can much more serve Him, by boldly standing up for Him, and telling others about Him. There is a Bible verse which says, "Ye are my witnesses"—that is, we are the ones to tell the world about God and His only Son, Jesus Christ. Let us be true-hearted in doing this.

HINTS.

Select two Juniors the week before to tell in this meeting the stories of Joseph's and Pharaoh's dreams.

Have the paragraphs as stated in the Topic given by the Juniors, and then have time for discussion, and a summing up by the Superintendent.

Have a group of the Juniors meet the week before and work out the story of Joseph meeting his brothers as suggested, and have them then give same at this meeting.

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February 15, 1925.

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

(Picture Study)

John 10-11.

PROGRAM.

Hymn—"The Lord My Shepherd Is."

Psalm 23—Recited from memory in concert.

Unveiling of Picture—(Secure a large ten-cent size of the picture to be studied—"The Good Shepherd," have it covered with white chintz, or crepe paper. Have one of the Juniors tell the story, and at the close draw aside the cover. Have this picture permanently on the walls of your room.)

The Topic.

Sentence Prayers—By the Juniors.

Roll Call, Business, Minutes of Last Meeting.

Closing Hymn—"Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead us."

Lord's Prayer.

THE TOPIC.

(Prepared by Mrs. J. C. Van Newkirk)

Our picture today is "The Good Shepherd," another one of our beautiful Bible pictures. This is the picture that came before the mind of our artist as he read the eleventh verse of the tenth chapter of John: "I am the Good Shepherd, the Good Shepherd giveth His life for His sheep."

Let us look closely at our picture, and we will see the Shepherd looking lovingly and tenderly down at the little helpless lamp which is lying so contentedly in the shepherd's arms with its head nestled so closely to His breast. We see the mother sheep looking up trustfully and the other sheep following on. They all seem to know their shepherd and He knows each one of his sheep. But the little lamb is too small and too weak to keep up with the rest, and if it would fall behind it would probably hurt itself and wolves would come and devour it. So the Shepherd has picked it up and is carrying it back to the fold. In the distance we see the green pastures and the stream of water which has been provided for them.

Can we imagine a shepherd loving his sheep so much that he is willing to give his life for them? Let us see what a shepherd has to do for his sheep. In the morning he leads them to a nice green pasture, where there is a stream of water nearby, where they can get plenty to eat and water to drink. He watches them and cares for them all day long, and if any go astray, with the help of his dog he will search for them until he finds them.

In the evening, he brings them all back to the sheepfold, and as they enter the door he holds out his staff while they pass under, counting each one carefully, and if one is missing, he goes out into the night, over the rocks and down the hills, risking his life until he finds it. So we see how the Good Shepherd is willing to give his life for his sheep.

Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd, the Good Shepherd giveth his life for his sheep." Yes, we all know John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." And the only begotten Son was Jesus, our Good Shepherd who gave His life for you and for me.

Jesus is willing to lead us just as the shepherd leads his sheep, gently, carefully leading us over the hard places in life, picking up little lambs to His bosom and caring for them all, and finally bringing them home to the fold. We can all be shepherds, helping our Master to bring these little stray lambs into the fold, into our Church, into our Junior Luther League, sharing

with them all the good things of our Church and our League, the green pastures that our Shepherd has provided for us.

Jesus knows each one of us. John 10:14 says, "I know my sheep and am known of mine." We should bring others to know him. John 10:16 tells us "and other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd." What about the children of India the little brown cousins of ours about which we have just learned? What about our brothers and sisters in Africa and in China and in Japan? Are they not His lambs, too?

Let us not forget these little stray lambs, and let us help to bring them into the fold, for Jesus says, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

(To be given to eight Juniors, with comments where necessary by the superintendent, and a brief summing up of the whole.)

HAND-WORK.

Put a two-cent size of this picture—the one in the Packet can be used—on a large sheet of cardboard, print the verse "I Am the Good Shepherd," at the top of the card, and at the bottom, "Other sheep have I—them also must I bring." Pass out magazines containing missionary pictures to the children, and have them select, cut out and put on the chart pictures of people of other lands who should also have the loving care of the Good Shepherd.

For the older Juniors secure the one-cent size of the picture, and have them mount same on a paper and write a short story concerning the picture.

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February 22, 1925.

FATHER HEYER: THE FRIEND OF INDIA

(Hero Story)

1 Cor. 2:1-5.
(Mrs. A. J. Fenner)

PROGRAM.

Hymn—"Soldiers of Christ, Arise."
Scripture Lesson—2 Timothy 2:3 (read and then learned by all.)
Bible Story—(Told by a Junior) Timothy when a small boy was taught from the Bible by his mother and grandmother. When he grew up he loved to tell others of Jesus and read to them from his Bible. One day a missionary named Paul met Timothy, and when he found out how well Timothy knew his Bible, he asked him to travel into other cities to tell the people about Jesus. It was not easy to be a missionary. Sometimes they were even thrown into prison. Paul told Timothy that soldiers of Jesus must be brave and endure hardships.
Prayer—That we may read our Bibles more—that we may tell others about Jesus—that we may be soldiers for Jesus.
Topic—"Father Heyer: the friend of India."
Leaflet—"A missionary who burned his own coffin." (Secure from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Bldg., Philadelphia—2 cents.)
Discussion—How can we be soldiers and stand up for Jesus? Can we be "home missionaries" and how?
Closing Hymn—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

THE TOPIC.

Many years ago, there lived in Germany a little boy who was very much like Timothy, of whom we heard in our Bible story. John Heyer, for that was his name, had a very good mother and father, who taught him to love and obey God, and to read his Bible. Then, too, like Timothy, he loved to tell others the beautiful stories of Jesus.

When John was fourteen years old, his parents sent him to America, to live with an uncle. Sometimes when boys and girls are away from home, they forget to pray, or read their Bibles, or to go to church, but John did not. He was such a fine worker in the church and so faithful that his minister asked him if he would not like to study and become one of God's preachers. Of course, this was just what John wanted to do more than anything else.

Now this was many years ago, before America had so many lovely churches in every city. Our Lutheran people were scattered in many little villages without churches or pastors. When John finished his studying, he became a traveling minister or missionary. He went from village to village on foot or on horseback. He gathered our Lutheran people together and helped them to form churches and Sunday schools. For many years he did this and every place he went the people learned to love him and called him Father Heyer.

When Father Heyer was almost fifty years old, he felt that God wanted him to tell the people in India about Jesus. Some of his friends said, "Oh, you are too old to be a missionary," but he knew that God would help him. So it was that John Christian Heyer went to India as our first Lutheran foreign missionary.

Do you suppose it was easy to be in a heathen land and not be able to speak their language? No, it was very hard, but Father Heyer was a brave soldier of Jesus. You know that in order to carry on their work, missionaries need money. There are schools and churches to be built and Bibles to be bought. So God helped Father Heyer by sending to him a man who had money and

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League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT

PORTLAND

St. James League held a "Convention Impressions" meeting on the evening of September 9 when interesting reports were heard from delegates who attended the convention at Chehalis. This meeting also marked the opening of fall activities and new committees were appointed for the fall term. Miss Clara Nesvold has been elected treasurer to take the place of Mr. Edwin Bracher, who has left the city to attend college.

A "Going Away to College" service was held September 17 in the form of a party in the church clubrooms, a good time being reported by those in attendance.

Plans are being made for the formation of both a Junior and an Intermediate League.

Under the direction of the devotional committee, the pageant, "Luther's Coat of Arms," is being worked on for presentation November 2.

THE DALLES

Zion League began its fall work with a "Convention Reports" meeting in connection with their business meeting held on September 15. Besides the "trophies" which were won at the convention, a number of interesting convention exhibits were on display at the meeting.

CHICAGO

On Sunday afternoon, November 9, a rally was held under the auspices of the Luther League of Chicago (U. L. C.), the Augustana Luther League and the Young Peoples' Luther League of the Norwegian Church, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Norwegian Synod). The Leaguers filled the church to the very doors, about 1,200 getting in and many were turned away. This was pronounced one of the largest and most successful rallies ever held by the Luther Leagues of Chicago.

The speakers of the afternoon were the Rev. C. O. Bengston of the Augustana Synod, Dean Ingvolstad of the Bible School, and our own Dr. Milton J. Bieber, who visualized the Luther League of the future as one big Luther League of the world, with synodical lines completely in the background, if not altogether forgotten. All three speakers brought fine, inspiring messages. Mr. Ralph C. Blaha, Mr. Anton Nelson and Mrs. S. T. Peterson, the committee members who made all arrangements for this splendid affair, brought greetings from their respective organizations.

Fine music was rendered by the choirs of Bethel (Norwegian) and Ebenezer (Swedish) Church.

Every one was so well pleased with this rally that we trust it will be but the forerunner of many more.

The annual banquet of the Luther League of Chicago, which was held on October 8, brought out 850 Leaguers, the largest attendance ever witnessed at one of our banquets. The speakers were Dr. H. M. Bannen of Rockford, and Mrs. S. T. Peterson. A fine musical program and a "peppy" orchestra did much to make the evening a complete success.

BETHEL LEAGUE

At our July business meeting we decided to give $300.00 to our own church, $50.00 toward the building fund of Tabita Home in Nebraska; $25.00 toward the building fund of Carthage College; $25.00 toward the building fund of Nachusa Orphanage; $25.00 to the building fund of the Maywood Receiving Home; $25.00 to the Chicago Lutheran Bible School, and $10.00 to decorate the Bethel room in Carthage College. At the August meeting we voted to give $50.00 to the extension fund of the L .L. of Illinois.

MARYLAND

Washington, D. C.—At a recent series of anniversary services covering the week of October 12 to 19, which was held in St. Mark's Church, Rev. H. Dennington Hayes, D.D., pastor, to commemorate the thirty-fifth year of the organization of the church and the twenty-fifth of the ordination of the pastor, the Luther League had a prominent part in one of the services.

Three services were held during the week, one by the men, one by the women, and the third by the young people. The latter was in charge of a joint committee of the Sunday School and Luther League. A large crowd attended this service, the largest of the week night audiences. The program consisted of a short devotional program with special musical features, the main feature of the evening, a pageant, "Guardian Angels," and a social hour at the close of the service. The pageant was written and arranged by Miss Selma Trede, president of the League, and in five scenes portrayed the progress of a child from home to membership and service in the Church, calling special attention to the part the Sunday School, as teaching the truths of the Written Word, and the Luther League, as training in the practices of the Living Word, have in the guiding and shaping of such a course. The story told in pantomime was enhanced by selections by an invisible singer, and the whole pageant, simple and easily staged, left a forcible message with the spectators.

SMITHSBURG

Trinity Luther League, which was organized in 1898, has at present a membership of sixty-five actives and thirty-five juniors, and in the past five years has not only more than doubled its membership, but its average attendance.

On October 26 a strictly Reformation program was rendered, with due tribute paid to both Martin Luther, the man, and his immortal deeds. A few of the subjects stressed were:

Posting of the Ninety-five Theses.
Luther at Worms.
Luther's Battle Hymn.
The Lutheran Conception of Salvation.
The Open Bible.

To make room for this special service we used the Missionary Topic on October 19, and combined the topics of the 12th and 19th, for use on the former date as these two linked so nicely together.

We look forward with great pleasure and in-

terest to November 9, at which time the recent extensive repairs to our church will be dedicated, consisting of the following improvements: New floor, pews, carpet, lights and church furniture; also enlarged choir loft, interior and exterior of building painted. The League contributed liberally and in addition furnished one set of altar cloths.

In addition to the repairs, the cross and candles will be installed, as special donations.

The League is a unit of the Maryland Synod Luther League, through which it bears relation with the national organization.

NEW JERSEY

Watch New Jersey Grow.

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the Luther League of New Jersey was held in the Church of Our Savior and in Bethel Church in Trenton on October 13 and 14, 1924. The keynote was loyalty, devotion, education. The president of the Pastors Association of Trenton, the Rev. Mr. Genzler, gave the opening address. Mr. Harry Hodges showed New Jersey just what the devotional program of the Luther League means. From the suggestions given by Miss Brenda Mehlhouse we are sure New Jersey will develop this year as never before along Junior and Intermediate lines.

An exceptionally fine banquet was given in Bethel church. Here we were highly entertained by songs, stunts, solos, and toasts on our twelve point efficiency program. The first special speaker of the evening, Dr. I. Chantry Hoffman, inspired us anew to loyalty to the Luther League.

Dr. Roy Strock, who has just returned from India, presented the new work of building a school in the field where he has been working.

Several points stand out in this convention which make it the best New Jersey has ever had.

1. Leagues throughout the State were represented on the program. Mr. Edward Gunderson of Camden gave a paper on "Daily Dozen in Bible Exercise." Mr. C. A. Boyer of Elizabeth gave "The Power of Prayer in the Luther League." Oldwick League showed what a model devotional meeting may be.

2. We were very fortunate to hear Dr. Pohlman on the subject "The Man at the Gate."

3. The new movie "Martin Luther, His Life and Times" gave us the education which every Luther League should have. The New Jersey League took some decided steps forward which show that we're more than alive. The twelve point efficiency program was adopted. Two new Leagues were admitted, Holy Trinity in Newark; Oldwick Zion Junior League. Ten prospective Leagues were reported. Our missionary benevolence is increased for next year from $30 to $150. Oldwick Luther League won the State banner for keeping the greatest number of points on the twelve point efficiency program, this League having kept all except a portion of the sixth. Last, but not least, we are invited to hold our next convention at Asbury Park.

The officers for the following year were elected as follows: President, Rev. D. E. Fritts, Oldwick; Vice President, Chas. Field, Weehawken; Treasurer, Dorothy Hilge, Weehawken; Recording Secretary, C. A. Boyer, Elizabeth; Corresponding and Statistical Secretary, Helen E. Waldron, Oldwick.

Members of the executive committee are: Mr. Booth, Camden. The committees appointed are as follows:

Extension—Rev. O. L. Schreiber, Ph. D., A. R. Booth, Camden District; Irene C. Schaefer, Suffern District; Rev. A. F. Walz, Newark District; Rev. G. V. Genzler, Trenton District.

Publicity Finance—Irene C. Schaefer, Francis Richards, Dorothy Hilge, Rev. Schmoyer.

Junior and Intermediate—Sister Eleanore.

NEW YORK

The following thirty-one Luther Leagues in New York State are reading and enjoying the "Reading Course": Emanuel, Albany; Bethany, Central Bridge; West Sand Lake; Christ, Redeemer, and Resurrection, Buffalo; Zion, Niagara Falls; Good Shepherd, Incarnation, Messiah, St. Matthew's, St. Luke's, Brooklyn; Holy Trinity, Hollis, St. John's, Lynbrook; Gilead, Center Brunswick; Redeemer, North Troy; Trinity, Troy; St. Peter's, Verona; Advent, St. Thomas, and Holy Trinity, New York City; Emmanuel, Chatham; St. John's, Hudson; Atonement, Saugerties; St. Paul's, Liverpool; St. John's, St. Paul, Zion's, Syracuse; St. Paul Senior Girls, Mt. Vernon; Redeemer, Yonkers, and St. Matthew's, White Plains. An effort is being made to get every League in the State reading the course. Arrangements have already been started for the biggest convention ever held by the State League, to be held in Hudson, N. Y., in May, 1925. An "oversubscription" of 500 delegates are expected. Last year's convention attendance was 411 registered delegates. Thirty Luther Leagues have become "Sustaining Members" of the Luther League of America. Active work has commenced on incrasing the subscriptions to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and The Lutheran. Rev. Fred J. Melville, the chairman of the literature committee, has appointed a REVIEW representative in every section of the State, and these thirty committeemen are producing results. Extension work has been much stressed during the past few months, and one new conference of the Brooklyn and Long Island District has been formed in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, and arrangements are being completed for the organization of an active, enthusiastic Rochester District. Wagner College Luther League joined the Brooklyn and Long Island District at their last convention.

Another one of those conventions for which our district has become famous, has been held in Christ Church, Brooklyn, Saturday afternoon and evening, November 8. Sister Pearle Lyerly and her talented Juniors through an actual demonstration did much to stimulate the Leaguers to organize new Junior and Intermediate Leagues in this rapidly growing district. Wagner College Luther League and the Intermediate Leagues at Rockville Center and Hollis joined at the convention. It is expected that before the next convention ten or twenty new Leagues will join the district through the new Senior Conference of the district recently organized in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. On Saturday afternoon, November 22, the first annual Intermediate Conference was held. "Little Willie" is to again be supported by the district, and plans were made for closer co-operation with the Home Mission Churches on Long Island. Our attendance at conventions now tax the capacity of the largest churches in Brooklyn and Long Island. If we grow with the same rapidity we will have to hire the former Hippodrome in New York City for our conventions, and the Hotel Biltmore for our banquets.

NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT

The fall convention of the Luther Leagues of New York City was held in St. Paul's Church on Saturday, November 15.

The afternoon session consisted of a business followed by addresses by the Rev. D. E. Fritts, president of the Luther League of New Jersey,

and the Rev. A. J. Traver, president of the Luther League of New York State.

The evening program was composed of a demonstration by the Junior Luther League of the Church of the Advent and an address on "Junior and Intermediate Leagues," by Miss Brenda Mehlhouse.

BROOKLYN AND LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

The first Intermediate conference in the district was held in the Church of the Incarnation, Brooklyn, Saturday, November 22. The entire program was in the hands of the Intermediates.

A program consisting of a devotional service, a pantomime, "O, Zion, Haste," several papers, two exercises, and addresses, "Our Merit System," by Sister Pearle Lyerly, and "Why the Church Needs the Young People," by the Rev. H. S. Miller, was well presented.

The Brooklyn and Long Island District Luther League held its semi-annual convention in Christ Church, Brooklyn, on Saturday, November 8.

The convention was opened with a business session, followed by an address, "The Intermediate League and Its Sixteen Point Program," by Sister Pearle Lyerly, State Junior and Intermediate Chairman, and a paper, "What I Thought of the Utica Convention," by Miss Marion Ferber, of St. John's, Richmond Hill. A Question Box on the "Fifteen Points"—The New York State Standard of Efficiency, was conducted by G. Russell Sunden.

At 6.30 a banquet was held, followed by an entertainment by the Junior Luther League of Church of the Advent, New York City, under the direction of Sister Pearle, a "Ten Minute Surprise," by Incarnation League, an "Inspirational Talk—That Reminds Me of a Scotch Story," by James Gear, New York City, and an address by the State president, the Rev. A. J. Traver, who spoke on "The Greatest Year in Our History." Interspersed through the program were League rally songs.

ALBANY AND SUSQUEHANNA DISTRICT

The nineteenth annual convention of the Albany and Susquehanna District Luther League was held on November 16 and 17 in St. John's Church.

The convention opened Saturday afternoon with devotional services led by the Rev. F. W. Grunst, of Castleton. Of twelve Leagues connected with the district, eight were represented.

All reports showed progress made and the following officers were elected: President, the Rev. F. W. Grunst; vice-president, William A. Grunow; recording secretary, Frank Fleisher; corresponding secretary, Edna Pofahl; treasurer, J. H. Lehman; members at large, Dr. C. E. Frontz, Catherine Shank, Mrs. O. Dickinson, Miss Lawson.

On Saturday evening a social session was enjoyed, followed by a lecture on "The Work of the Lutheran Church in and Around Tokyo."

The convention closed on Sunday afternoon with a rally at which time Sister Pearle Lyerly spoke on Junior and Intermediate work, and the Rev. H. D. Shimer gave an address on "The Privilege of Being an Active Luther Leaguer."

OHIO

One of the Life Service Institutes under the direction of the Luther League of the Western District of Ohio, was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lima, Ohio, on September 28, 1924. Wm. Elliott, President of the District, presided at the meeting.

Miss Wunderlich of Chicago gave an interesting talk in the interest of The Chicago Lutheran Bible School.

Sister Alma, Parish Deaconess of Glenwood Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, discussed the subject "Life Service," making an appeal to the young women to enter Christian Service.

The following questions were answered and discussed by Leaguers:

1. Why do so few enter Life Service?
2. How can I find my life work?
3. What is life for?

At 6:00 o'clock p. m. dinner was served in the church dining room and a social hour enjoyed.

The address at the evening service was given by Dr. Hackenberg of Mansfield, Ohio. His subject was "Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me Do?" This address made an appeal to the young men to enter the ministry.

An appeal for an offering for a fund with which to build a house for returned missionaries, was made by Miss Rosetta Moell, chairman of the District Mission Committee.

A pageant, "The Reply of Youth" given by members of St. Paul's Luther League, very fittingly closed the institute.

Several Life Service Cards were signed at this meeting.

WESTERN DISTRICT

During September and October the Leagues of the Western District conducted a REVIEW campaign, with the following results: Glenwood, Toledo, 15 new subscribers; Augsburg, Toledo, 10; Wapakoneta, 7; St. Paul's, Lima, 6; Carey, 2.

During this coming year a contest for the largest numbers reading their Bibles and praying daily will be conducted, with a banner awarded at the district convention.

TOLEDO

Two of Toledo's mission churches have recently organized Luther Leagues. Christ Church, of which the Rev. F. E. Strobel is the pastor, starts with a charter membership of six, and Bethany Church, Rev. F. F. Secrist, pastor, has a charter membership of twenty-four.

Glenwood Luther League, of Toledo, is happy that two of its members have entered into training for "Life Service." Lowell Fry has entered Wittenberg College in preparation for missionary work, and Lillian Kronman has entered Robinwood Hospital preparatory to taking up work as a missionary nurse. On September 5 the League held a devotional and social meeting in their honor, and it is looking forward to the time when the members in increasing numbers will enter similar lines of Christian work.

FINDLAY

The First League held a very successful social and business meeting when an old time school was conducted.

VIRGINIA

Miss Olga C. Linsenmeyer, of Harrisonburg, Va., has been appointed full-time secretary of the Luther League of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia. The work of the League is encouraging. The plan is that the secretary shall visit the Leagues in each conference, then have the Leagues come together for a grand Rally Day, preceding the convention of the Synodical League which will be held in Luray in January, 1925. These Rally Days are looked upon as feeders for the convention. Miss Lissenmeyer took the special course for church workers at the Baltimore Deaconess Motherhouse. As the training of young people is one of the important duties of Christianity, the pastors of the congregations are urged to give their support in interesting the youth of the Church in this young people's work as represented by the Luther League.

On November 14 the Luther League of the Winchester Conference of the Synod of Virginia met in St. Paul's Church, Strasburg, Va., to complete the organization of a District Luther

League. The constitution was adopted and the following officers were elected: President, Thelma R. Graham; vice-president, Frank H. Crabill; recording secretary, Lela Jackson; corresponding secretary, Ida Bowers; treasurer, A. E. Bradley. Miss Olga Linsenmeyer, field secretary for the Luther League of Virginia, gave an interesting address on Luther League work, and the Rev. George H. Rhodes brought greetings from the Synod. He encouraged the young people in this organization of the first district in the State.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The fifth annual convention of the Pacific Northwest District Luther League was held in Holy Trinity Church, Yakima, Washington, August 8, 9 and 10, 1924.

A devotional service with an address on "Christian Service" by Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary, Luther League of America, opened the convention.

The sessions of the second day were devoted to business. A paper on "The Junior League" was presented by Miss Anna M. Digree, followed by discussion. An address by Mr. Wm. Salzmann, President of the Columbia District League, on "The Need of Organized Committees" was also heard. A conference on Luther League Methods was conducted by Mr. Hodges.

"Youth and His Creator" was the theme of the convention sermon on Sunday. Installation of officers was held. A Luther League meeting under the direction of Mr. Hodges was conducted.

The following officers were elected: President, P. K. Erickson, Seattle, Washington; Vice President, Miss Alice Noack, Centralia, Washington; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Anna M. Digree, Vancouver, B. C.; Recording Secretary, Miss Lina Jessen, Seattle, Washington; Teasurer, Mr. O. Fred Wille, Tacoma, Washington.

Executive, Budget, Extension, Educational, Missionary, Life Service, Junior and Intermediate Committees were appointed.

The following District and local Standards of Efficiency have been adopted by this district:

District League.

1. All reports typewritten and in triplicate.
2. All correspondence answered promptly.
3. Every League represented at Convention by full delegation.
4. Every League holding the following meetings during the year: Weekly devotional meetings on Sunday evening; monthly business meetings, each preceded by an executive committee meeting; bi-monthly socials with special emphasis on holiday occasions.
5. Every committee member active.
6. Quarterly reports from every committee chairman.
7. A Junior League in every congregation.
8. An Intermediate League in every congregation.
9. At least three new Senior Leagues received into membership.
10. An increased membership of at least one hundred.
11. Payment of all dues and apportionments in full.
12. Every League a Sustaining Member of the Luther League of America.

Local League.

1. A devotional meeting every Sunday evening.
2. A business meeting at least once a month.
3. A social at least once every two months.
4. An average attendance at meetings of at least half the enrollment.
5. Punctual attendance.
6. Meetings begun on time.
7. Devotional leaders present and prepared.
8. All officers and committee heads present at every meeting.
9. Every member taking part in devotional meetings at least once every quarter.
10. Every member on some committee at least part of the year.
11. At least two-thirds of the members subscribers to the REVIEW.
12. Every member a possessor of the Hand Book.
13. All dues paid promptly.
14. Daily reading of the Bible by all members.
15. At least one-third of the members using the Reading Course.
16. Every member a praying worker.
17. A Bulletin Board in every Church.

NORTH CAROLINA

WESTERN DISTRICT

The Western District Conference of the Luther League of North Carolina was held in St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Hickory, N. C., on Sunday, October 26, the subject being "Christian Stewardship." The devotions were conducted by Harold Mowery. An address of welcome was made by Glenn Ekard and the response by Lucile Lentz. The roll was called and twenty-two Leagues were represented with 191 Leaguers present. Special music was rendered by Holy Trinity Church, Hickory, followed by an address on "Ability," by Prof. G. P. Voigt, in which he emphasized the fact that we all have ability, although we may not have the ability to lead, we can be good followers. Tom Peery, one of our Intermediate Leaguers, made a splendid talk on "Prayer," telling us when to pray, how to pray and what to pray for. After enjoying a picnic dinner, Prof. S. J. Marion gave an address on "Time and Service," which made every Leaguer feel he could no longer use his time selfishly. Miss Rosa Sox then made a short talk on "Money," which was followed by an explanation of the Efficiency Standard by Hacob Saeboch. After a short business meeting the convention was closed with the pageant, "The Reply of Youth," which was rendered by the members of St. Stephen's Luther League.

PENNSYLVANIA

YORK DISTRICT

November 6, 1924, shall go down in the history of the York District Luther League as a day that was gratifying in the fullest degree, for it marked one of the greatest conventions the district has ever had.

The convention assembled in St. Mark's Church, Hanover, Rev. George W. Nicely, D.D., pastor, and too much cannot be said of the hospitality and the royal time shown the Leaguers by the people of St. Mark's.

In planning the program the committee termed this day as National and State Officers' Day, and we were very much gratified in having a goodly number of our National and State officers present.

A change from other years was made in the morning program. Instead of having the annual reports of officers and committees read before the convention, these were mimeographed and distributed to the delegates and visitors and during the session the Executive Secretary called attention to some of the outstanding facts contained in the reports. After the registration of delegates and a devotional service conducted by the District Chaplain, Rev. S. L. Hench, Dallastown, the president of St. Mark's Luther League, Mr. John Stine, welcomed the delegates

and visitors, to which the district president, Mr. Lester F. Bahn, responded. A very helpful conference on Inner Mission work was led by Miss Helen V. DeLaplane, treasurer of the district. At noon, luncheon was served by the Ladies' Guild of St. Mark's.

The afternoon session was just full of good things. We had with us Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary, Luther League of America, who addressed us on "The Opportunities of the Three-fold Objective"; Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, Junior and Intermediate Secretary, Luther League of America, who conducted an Intermediate Conference; Mr. William H. Menges, Menges Mills, who held a conference with the pastors simultaneously with the Intermediate Conference; Rev. E. C. Ruby, York, who plied us with questions regarding Bible truths; Mr. P. Walter Banker, Kingston, President, Luther League of America, who brought greetings from that body; Mr. Charles W. Fuhr, Pittsburgh, and Mr. Charles H. Nutto, Lancaster, members of the executive committee of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, who extended greetings from that organization.

Rev. J. S. Simon, D.D., Hagerstown, Md., brought the message at the evening rally service on the subject "The Church's Young People—A Forward Look," bearing out the convention theme "A Forward Look."

The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Lester F. Bahn, York; vice-president, Mr. Clarence W. Depfer, York; secretary, Miss Helen Dittenhafer, York; assistant secretary, Miss Rufina Swartz, York; treasurer, Miss Helen DeLaplane, York.

The resignation of William H. Jones as executive secretary was accepted with regret, and as a token of appreciation he was presented with a penknife bearing the emblem of the League which he served so faithfully and efficiently. Miss Ethel M. Mosteller, who was associated with him in this work, was appointed in his place. Just before the close of the afternoon session Rev. Walter H. Traub, York, gave a forceful address on "Have Faith in God."

A number of the reports of the officers and committees are available and as long as they last we shall be pleased to forward a copy to any one desiring same. Write to the executive secretary, Ethel M. Mosteller, 842 East Market street, York, Pa.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

The sixty-fourth convention of the Pittsburgh District Luther League was held November 20, in St. John's Church, Freedom, Pa. The morning session was devoted to business and committee reports. The afternoon session's program consisted of an address, "Lest We Forget—The Luther League Objectives," by the Rev. G. E. Sawyer, an Officers' Conference, directed by the Rev. C. M. Teufel, and "What the State Convention Brought to Me," by the district delegates. At the same time a Junior session was held, and at 4:15 before the entire convention, the pageant, "Even These Little Ones," was rendered by the Junior Luther Leagues of Freedom, Monaca and Rochester.

The evening address was delivered by the Rev. H. D. Newcomer, who spoke on "The Compassion of Jesus."

HARRISBURG

Bethlehem Luther League celebrated its fourth birthday with an anniversary service on Sunday evening, November 23. The program consisted of special musical numbers, greetings from the Intermediate League, prayers by eight Leaguers, the presentation of the topic, "Our Prayers for the Christian World," and an anniversary address by the Rev. E. Martin Grove. Since its organization on November 17, 1920, Bethlehem League has maintained a steady and vigorous growth, and has become a large factor in the work of the congregation.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

The Northeast District Luther League held their annual convention on Tuesday, November 11, at Nanticoke. Routine business was transacted at the morning session, and an address given, "Serving God in the Congregation," by the Rev. J. C. Mattes. Reports were given of the State convention held at Lancaster. At the afternoon session there was a conference on Junior and Intermediate work, led by Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, followed by an exercise, "Wanted: A Leader," by the Juniors of St. John's, Nanticoke, an address on the work of the Diaconate of Sister Grace Lauer, and a paper, "Serving God in Daily Life," read by H. N. H. Sweet, prepared by H. N. Bikle, of Pittsburgh. The evening speaker was the Rev. L. C. Hoffman, D.D. A delightful social hour was enjoyed during the supper hour. The district voted to take a $25 share in the Sustaining Membership Fund. The following officers were elected: President, Luther Lang; vice-president, H. N. H. Sweet; recording secretary, Esther Meytrott; corresponding secretary, Ella Beyer; statistician, Julia Krell; treasurer, C. P. Long.

B. M. C. DISTRICT

The Second Annual Workers' Conference of the district was held November 8 in Grace Church, Norristown. Greetings were brought from the president of the Luther League of America, Mr. Walter Banker. A conference on Methods in the Devotional Meetings was conducted by Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary. Junior and Intermediate Methods were presented by Miss Brenda Mehlhouse. Social Methods were presented in a paper prepared by the Rev. H. S. Paules. A supper followed in the social rooms of the church, and the evening speaker was the Rev. N. J. Melhorn, D.D.

SCRANTON

The Luther League of Trinity congregation has started a Students' Aid Fund. The plan provides that the funds are to be used only for the support of Lutheran students in or about to enter any Lutheran institution of learning. The students from Trinity congregation are given preference, then students from other Scranton congregations, and thirdly, students from outside the city.

Students receiving funds shall be required to give to the committee, notes or other obligations covering the amount advanced, which said notes or other obligations shall be cancelled upon the ordination of the student to the Lutheran ministry, or upon such student entering upon some other recognized form of religious activity of the Lutheran Church. Any student receiving aid who discontinues his or her studies, or who graduates without entering the ministry or other branch of religious work, shall be required to begin repaying the amount advanced, plus interest at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum within one year after discontinuing his or her studies, or after graduation.

PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia District Luther League held its Fall convention on October 21 in the Church of the Advocate, Germantown. Reports of Committees and announcement of the winter's work were first considered. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Forest E. Dager, D. D., who spoke on "Success." There were 436 Leaguers present, and the banner for attendance was presented to Advocate League, who had 119 present.

THE SOCIAL MEETING

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JUNIOR DEPARTMENT TOPICS

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who wished to use it to help these poor people hear about Jesus.

These people in India spoke a language called Telugu. When Father Heyer wanted to talk to them he had to have some one translate his words into Telugu. The little boys and girls could not read, because there were no schools. Father Heyer had a school built and he had our catechism written in Telugu so that these children could learn the ten commandments and prayers.

One day Father Heyer said, "I am going to be a doctor, too," and away he went, back to America, to learn to be a doctor. Just think how brave and strong he was! He *did* learn to be a doctor and came back to India to help his people. Now he could heal both their bodies and their souls. He traveled into parts of India where no white man had ever gone before, but he was not afraid. We shall hear in a little while the story of how he burned his own coffin.

After many years as a missionary in India, Father Heyer returned to America, leaving other men to carry on his work. He *thought* his work there was finished, but twelve years after, when dear Father Heyer was seventy-seven years old, another call came to him. It was just after the dreadful Civil War in our country. Having little money and few ministers, no missionaries could be sent to other countries. Then John Christian Heyer stood up before a group of Lutheran ministers, "with his grip in his hand" and said, "I'll go, send me! My people in India must not be without a shepherd." Brave Father Heyer, what a soldier of Jesus he was! So for the last time he set sail for India and remained there until other young men could come to take his place.

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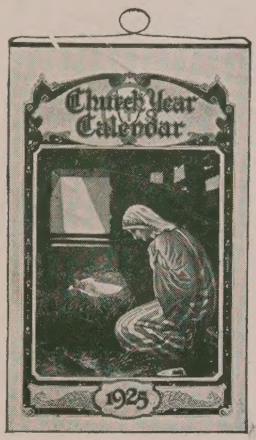

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